

Changes that will help us move forward

Governor Phil Murphy enacted Executive Order #112 in 2020 during the pandemic to help ease the staffing and care crisis by temporarily lifting the requirement for physician supervision of CRNAs and Advanced Practice Nurses.



This will remain in effect until January 1, 2022, at which time two things can occur:

1. The Joint Protocol will be reinstated and the employment choices that CRNAs have gained will be revoked. Facilities currently surviving on CRNA anesthesia services independent from physician anesthesiologists will be forced to close limiting access to affordable anesthesia services and other healthcare services for New Jersey residents.
2. CRNAs and other Advanced Practice Nurses will be able to convince the legislature and the Governor that removal of the Joint Protocol should be made permanent. This will protect the flexibility that facilities have gained to select the anesthesia providers that best fit their care needs, and allow CRNA and APN-Anesthesia providers have a greater choice of practice environments. Ultimately, this will improve access to affordable anesthesia services and other healthcare services for New Jersey residents.



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Over the past 25 years 19 states have opted out of physician supervision of CRNAs and APN-Anesthesia professionals because of proven cost-effectiveness and the exemplary safety records in every type of health care setting. NOT ONE STATE HAS EVER REVERSED THAT DECISION.

Further evidence in support of the safety when removing the Joint Protocol restrictions has been clear since Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order #112 in April of 2020.