

# How lifting the Joint Protocol has positively impacted care in New Jersey



## Throughout the pandemic, APN-Anesthesia and CRNA providers have used their advanced training to:

- Fill critical care roles serving as intensivists, managing ICU's, managing life support systems including IV medications, ventilators, central lines, bedside procedures, continuous sedation, infusions, medication induced comas, and more.
- Perform specialized duties including rescuing patient airways via intubations, obtaining blood cultures and performing laboratory analysis on the results, and responding to CODE blue calls.
- Teaching nurses with little to no critical care experience their specialized skills and techniques.
- Expand care capacity through independent case management and being responsible to lead teams of providers caring for many patients during each shift.
- Manage and prescribe needed medications, procedures, life support devices.

## Proposed legislation to protect Flexibility and Choice in Health Care

The people of New Jersey deserve flexibility and choice when it comes to high quality healthcare at an affordable rate. Healthcare facilities and physicians NEED to have flexibility and choice over the anesthesia model they deem best suited to fit their needs and care for their patients.

Support for S1983/A944 will result in a proven and viable way to increase access to care and provide the best quality of care to residents of all ages across New Jersey. The bill would permanently remove the mandate for the unnecessarily restrictive barriers for APN's created by the Joint Protocol in 2009 which were temporarily lifted by NJ Executive Order #112.

CRNAs and APN-Anesthesia providers stand at the ready to provide the highest levels of care for patients whether they are cared for in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, or physician offices.



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