

Dear House Health Care Committee,

I am the current allied health Chief of anesthesia at my hospital in Boca Raton. I oversee 3 CRNAs and 10 CAAs. We all perform the same tasks on a daily basis and get along with each other. CAAs are highly skilled health professionals who work under the direction of a licensed anesthesiologist. CAAs undergo a rigorous master's level program for 24 to 28 months. I have a masters in mathematics as well from the university of Miami and I can tell you the training I had in anesthesia made my graduate level math courses look like simple algebra. CAA training averages over 600 hours of classroom/laboratory training, 2600 hours of clinical anesthesia education and more than 600 anesthetics administered for all types of anesthesia. My person training involved cardiac anesthesia, OB labor and delivery, pediatrics, geriatrics and many more.

I work at a hospital where patients are very sick. Between my physician anesthesiologist and I we take care of patients that are typically an ASA 3 and ASA 4 category. Our attending anesthesiologist typically covers 3-4 rooms with a CAA covering the case. We have a great relationship of trust and respect for each other.

I hope Oregon sees the value in opening up the state to licensed board certified CAAs who can provide its citizens with quality anesthesia care. Good luck to you and best wishes. If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

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