

# Joint Commission on Health Care

## *Study of Strategies to Strengthen the Anesthesia Workforce in Virginia*

Policy Options	Public Comment
<p><b>Option 1:</b> The JCHC could introduce a Section 1 bill directing the Board of Nursing to update regulations governing practice of advance practice registered nurses licensed as certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to remove references to any specific edition of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists' Standards for Nurse Anesthesia Practice, so that the practice of a CRNA shall be consistent with the most recent version of the Standards for Nurse Anesthesia Practice available.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Individual</li><li>• 1 Association - <i>Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists</i></li></ul> <p><u>Oppose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 11 Individuals</li><li>• 1 Association - <i>Virginia Association of Anesthesiologists</i></li></ul>
<p><b>Option 2:</b> The JCHC should not recommend any policy that would make supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists more restrictive than current state statute or federal rule require.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 41 Individuals</li><li>• 1 Association - <i>Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists</i></li></ul> <p><u>Oppose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 Individual</li></ul>

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<p><b>Option 3:</b> JCHC could introduce a Section 1 bill directing the Department of Health Professions, in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing, to develop a plan to transition CRNAs with sufficient training and experience to independent practice. Development of the plan should include stakeholder engagement, considerations for opting out of the federal rule, and methods to monitor the effects of implementation. The plan should specify the training and experience necessary for transition to independent practice, including (i) the appropriate number of clinical hours and years of practice required for transition to independent practice and any requirements related to clinical hours dedicated to specialty anesthesia services such as anesthesia services for pediatric, cardiac, or higher acuity patients, if appropriate, and (ii) the process by which a CRNA may apply for and obtain permission to practice without supervision. DHP would submit the plan and suggested language for legislation to the Joint Commission on Health Care by October 1, 2025.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Individuals</li> </ul> <p><u>Oppose</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 Individuals</li> <li>• 1 Association - <i>Virginia Association of Anesthesiologists</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Amend</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Individuals</li> <li>• 1 Association - <i>Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Option 4:</b> JCHC could submit a Section 1 bill requiring the Department of Health Professions to re-analyze the state of the anesthesia workforce in Virginia with the most current data available to determine whether there is sufficient proof of an anesthesia workforce shortage that would justify licensure of certified anesthesiologist assistants. The Department would submit a report to the Joint Commission on Health Care by October 1, 2025.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Individuals</li> </ul> <p><u>Amend</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Association - <i>Virginia Association of Anesthesiologists</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Option 5:</b> JCHC could submit a budget amendment, providing funding to the Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority (VHWDA) to, in collaboration with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, and other relevant stakeholders, study the capacity and needs of current anesthesiology residency programs and CRNA training programs in Virginia and make recommendations for further expansion. VHWDA would submit a report to the Joint Commission on Health Care and to the Chairs of the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee by October 1, 2026.</p>	<p><u>Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 49 Individuals</li> <li>• 2 Associations - <i>Virginia Association of Anesthesiologists, Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists</i></li> </ul>

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Public comment in **support** of **Policy Option 1** was received from:

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Public comment proposing **amendment** of **Policy Option 4** was received from:

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