Anesthesia Supervision

Effective November 13, 2001, CMS established an exemption for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) from the physician supervision requirement. This exemption recognized a Governor's written request to CMS attesting that he or she is aware of the State’s right to an exemption of the requirement and that is in the best interests of the State’s citizens to exercise this option.

As of August 2012, seventeen States have chosen to opt-out of the CRNA physician supervision regulation. The States are: California, Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Kansas, North Dakota, Washington, Alaska, Oregon, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Montana, Colorado, and Kentucky.