



Kansas Society of Anesthesiologists

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing this letter to show my support for the proposal for licensure of Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants in Kansas and ask the Committee to approve credentialing and recommend licensure. I am a practicing anesthesiologist, licensed in both Kansas and Missouri.

In my recent practice, I belonged to a group that hired and worked with CAAs for over 10 years. CAAs have been an integral part of the anesthesia care team working in all areas of intraoperative anesthesia care. They are respected and appreciated by their colleagues and all other medical staff. The addition of CAAs as an option when hiring anesthesia providers has broadened the pool of experienced anesthetists to allow us to get the highest quality anesthesia care providers for our community.

Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAA's) have excellent training. They have been demonstrated to be qualified and reliable anesthesia providers and have had an excellent safety record at hospitals across Missouri. CAA's practice exclusively under the Anesthesia Care Team model. A physician anesthesiologist is always involved in the planning and management of an anesthetic and related patient care. Currently, Kansas anesthesiologist's have only one option for a midlevel provider for anesthesia, whereas in other medical specialties there are multiple options.

I strongly support the licensure of Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants in Kansas.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

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