

OPIOID CRISIS

CRNAs in Kentucky helping to fight the Opioid Crisis

Pain Management

CRNAs provide multi-modal pain management, which may reduce a patient's need for and reliance on opioids. Multi-modal techniques help reduce the reliance on opioids as a primary pain management modality, thus helping curb the prescribed opioid epidemic.

Provider Education

CRNAs are well-positioned to provide education related to minimization or elimination of prescribed opioids through pharmacological and non pharmacological multi-modal pain management strategies. Also, the use of an enhanced recovery after surgery (ERAS) protocol, to include multi-modal pain management may minimize or eliminate use of opioids, and accelerate the return to normal daily function.

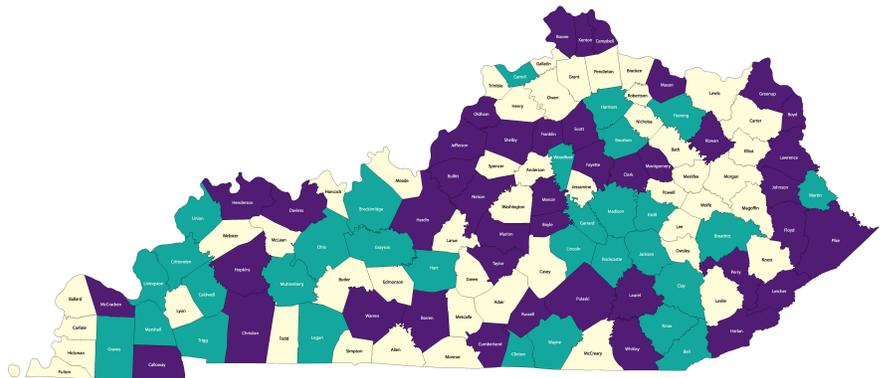
Full Scope

Medicare recognizes and will reimburse CRNAs for chronic pain management services. CRNAs can utilize general, and regional anesthesia, as well as acute, chronic, and interventional pain management techniques.



Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Over 950 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are administering anesthesia in the state of Kentucky. In fact, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in 31 counties here in the Commonwealth, ensuring access to care in much of rural Kentucky. Along with being cost-effective, safe, and present in rural counties, CRNAs are also vital in helping to resolve our opioid crisis here at home.



Kentucky CRNAs at a Glance

ANESTHESIA PROVIDER

- MD/CRNA
- CRNA only
- No Anesthesia Services