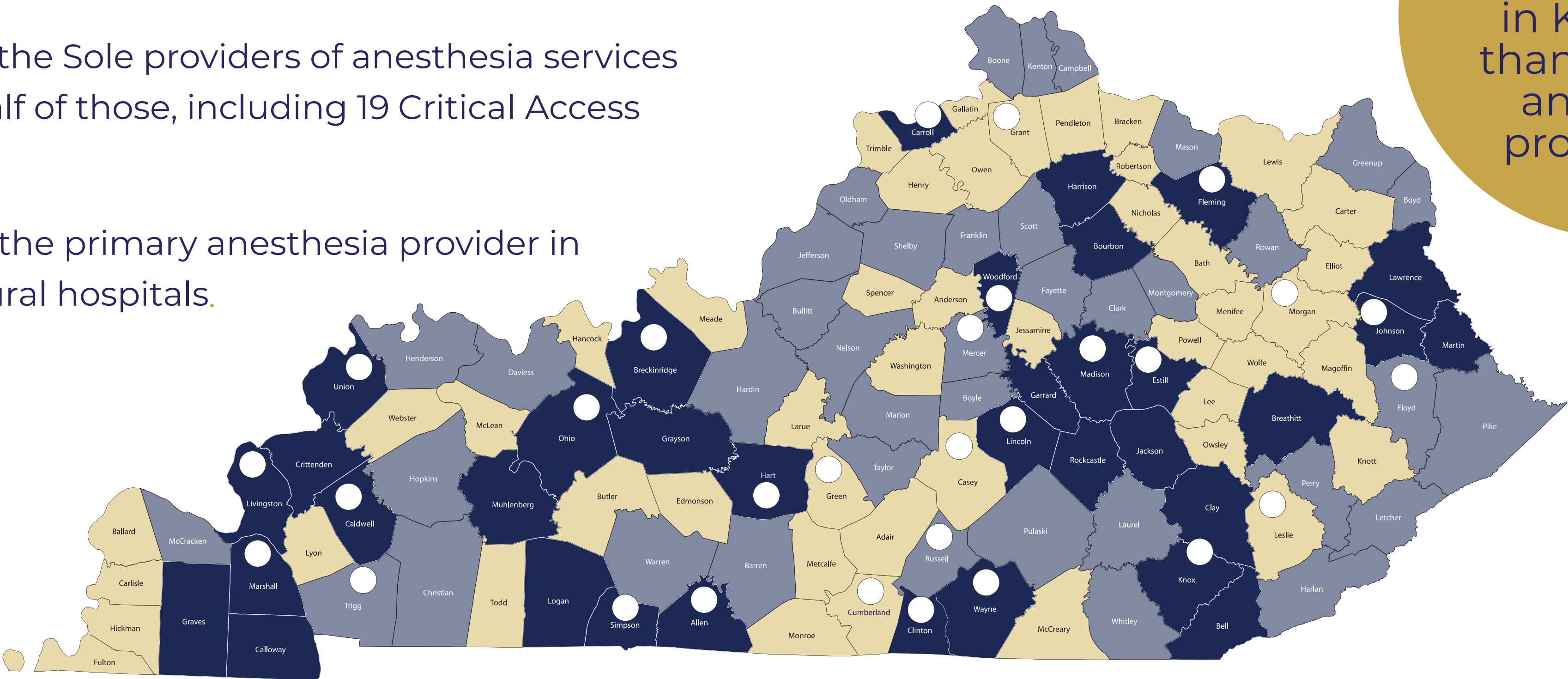


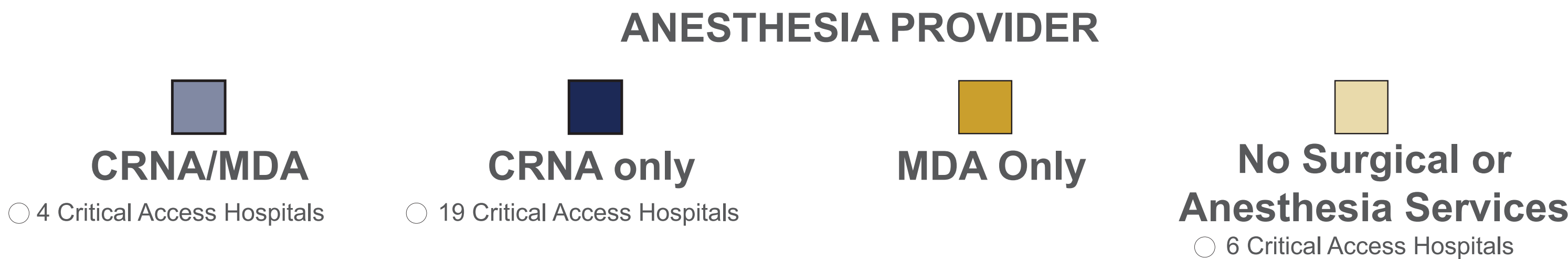
# Why are CRNAs so important to Kentucky?

- CRNAs are providing anesthesia services in EVERY county that have hospitals or surgery centers with surgical services.
- CRNAs are the Sole providers of anesthesia services in nearly half of those, including 19 Critical Access Hospitals.
- CRNAs are the primary anesthesia provider in nearly all rural hospitals.

Two times the number of CRNAs, practicing in Kentucky, than any other anesthesia professional.



## Kentucky CRNAs at a Glance





# Who are CRNAs?

## *Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists*



- CRNAs are Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) who safely administer nearly 50 million anesthetics in the United States every year.
- CRNAs are registered nurses who have chosen to become experts in the field of anesthesiology
- All Nurse Anesthesia educational programs are doctoral level.

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Nurses have  
been providing  
anesthesia for  
patients for over  
150 years.

The CRNA  
credential came  
into existence  
in 1956.

Nurse Anesthetists  
have been  
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## How many CRNAs are there?

Over 54,000 CRNAs in the U.S.  
*But more importantly*

**Over 1000 CRNAs  
practicing in Kentucky in both  
urban and rural settings.**