



Memorandum in Support - A285 (Gunther)/S4229 (Stavisky)
Clinical Preceptor Tax Credit

The New York State Association of Nurse Anesthetists (NYSANA) **supports** the passage of A285 (Gunther)/S4229-A (Stavisky), which establishes a clinical preceptorship personal income tax credit for certain health care professionals who provide preceptor instruction to students studying to be a health care professional.

NYSANA is the statewide professional association representing the interests of over 1,700 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) providing high-quality, safe and cost-effective anesthesia care to residents across New York State.

In order to become a CRNA, you are required by the New York State Education Department to fulfill clinical training requirements by working with preceptors. Someone cannot become eligible for graduation or obtain certification in New York without meeting the clinical training requirements. The preceptors for these graduate professionals are CRNAs, who provide required clinical training rotations in relevant practice settings and serve as an educator, mentor, and evaluator.

There is always a demand and need for more CRNAs to serve as preceptors. Without an adequate number of preceptors, our programs would be limited in their ability to produce new graduates, who will provide the next generation of anesthesia care to the patients of New York. This proposed tax credit serves as an incentive to attract qualified individuals to serve as preceptors. Preceptors are all volunteer adjunct faculty, who are not compensated for their time. This tax credit would provide compensation to cover some of the valuable time that these volunteers give to serve as preceptors.

Many lessons have been learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of those lessons is that there is a great need for as many healthcare providers as possible. If there are not enough preceptors to meet the clinical training requirements, we will not be able to increase the healthcare workforce to meet the growing demand and need.

For the above reasons, NYSANA **supports** the passage of A285 (Gunther)/S4229 (Stavisky) Clinical Preceptor Tax Credit.