

The New Health Care Lexicon

CLINIC WITHOUT WALLS VS. IPAS

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The health care lexicon, like our everyday language, is constantly in flux. This column is devoted to keeping you current on new health care terms.

Clinic without Walls

A group practice that operates from multiple sites. Member practices are usually economically linked and share a common administration.

Independent Practice Association (IPA)

A legal entity that holds managed care contracts. The IPA contracts with physicians to provide care on a fee-for-service or capitation basis. IPAs are often sponsored by medical societies to help physicians in solo practice contract for managed care.

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