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G.M.I.P.A HISTORY

Late in 1996, a group of physicians in Silver City, NM began discussing the formation of an Independent Physicians Association. The GMIPA was formed officially when the Office of the State of New Mexico Corporation Commission granted a Certificate of Organization to Gila Multi-Specialty IPA, LLC on February 21, 1997. In April 1998 there were 41 physician members of GMIPA. Today, the GMIPA is comprised of a membership of about 100. The membership is made up of both physicians and other healthcare providers including, behavioral health professionals, nurse practitioners, physician's assistants and physical therapists. The IPA office is currently located at the Southwest Bone and Joint Institute, 1268 E. 32nd Street, Silver City, NM.

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What is an Independent Practice Association- IPA?

The advantages of an IPA are the functions it performs for medical practices. As a Messenger Model it supports contracts with insurance companies; assembles, credentials, and educates members. IPA's offer members strong leadership and help drive groups to develop more mature organizations. IPA's wield far greater power than individual physicians alone as they are able to undertake administrative functions that reduce healthcare costs.

OUR MISSION:

To organize and operate a quality-driven and cost effective health care delivery system. The association consists of health care providers who enter into membership participation agreements with GMIPA to facilitate an environment that promotes healthcare practice viability.



Become a Member

We provide infrastructure, negotiating clout for managed care contracts and a forum to discuss and promote policies that support providers while increasing the quality of services to the patients they serve. As a member of the GMIPA, you are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of these benefits. All new healthcare professionals joining our organization must be certified. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.gmipa.com. If you have questions, please contact the GMIPA Administrator, Rebekka VanNess, at 575-538-2355 or email at rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com

Membership:

Physician's and Doctors including:

MD, DO, DPM \$500.00

All other providers including , PhD, PsyD, PA,
CNM, CNP, LISW, MAC, RN, PT, OT, CRNA, LD \$250.00

Membership applications must be approved by the GMIPA Board of Managers. Please contact the GMIPA for the most current application documents. Fees subject to change.