Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America’s health care system!

**FACT Fax**

MedPAC finding: Costs per discharge in physician-owned surgical hospitals are not lower.

In its March 2005 report, MedPAC found physician-owned surgical hospital costs per case are 30 percent higher than the median cost per case for all hospitals. Based on these and other findings, MedPAC recommends that Congress extend the moratorium.

![Cost Comparison Chart]

**CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:**
Make permanent the ban on physician self-referral to new limited-service hospitals.

- Preserve Care
- Promote Fair Competition
- Prevent Conflict of Interest