

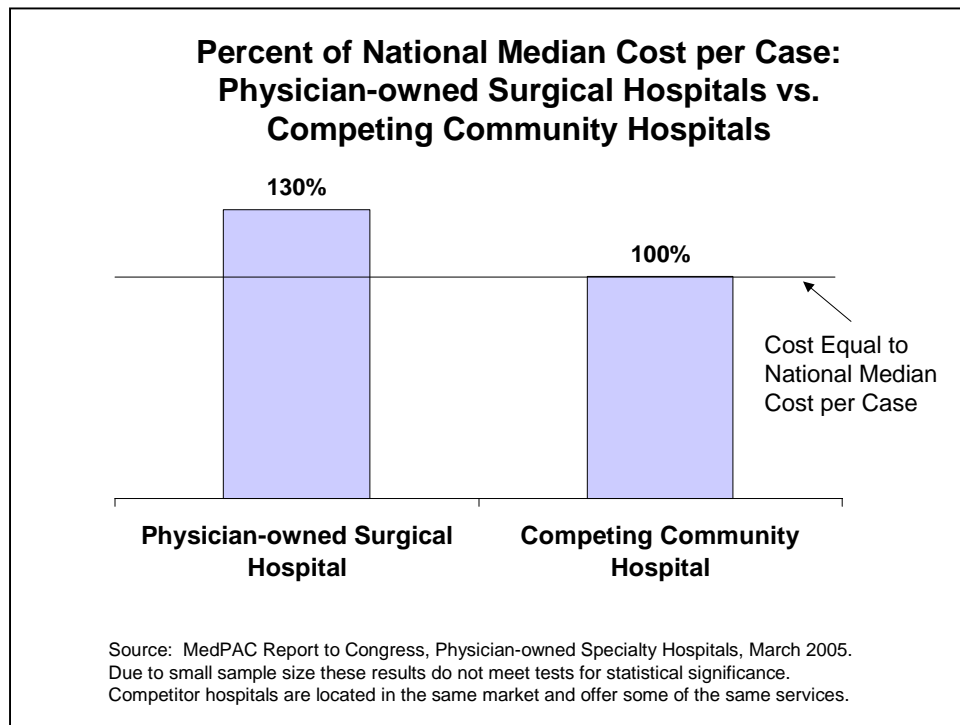


Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

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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.



CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

Make permanent the ban on physician self-referral to new limited-service hospitals.

