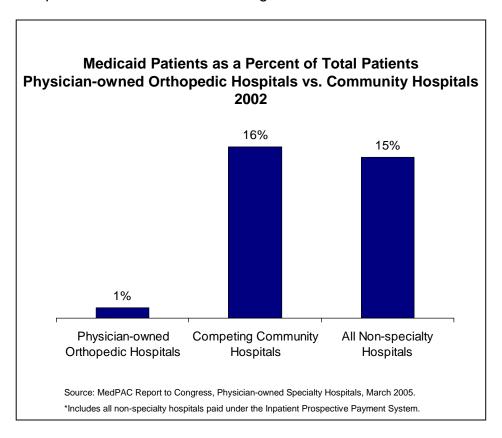


## Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

## MedPAC Finding: Physician-owned orthopedic hospitals serve few Medicaid patients.

MedPAC found **only one percent** of the discharges of physician-owned orthopedic hospitals are Medicaid patients – compared to 16 percent for full-service hospitals in the same communities. Since Medicaid pays hospitals less than the cost of care, this puts full-service hospitals at a financial disadvantage.



## **CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:**

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

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