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


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.