

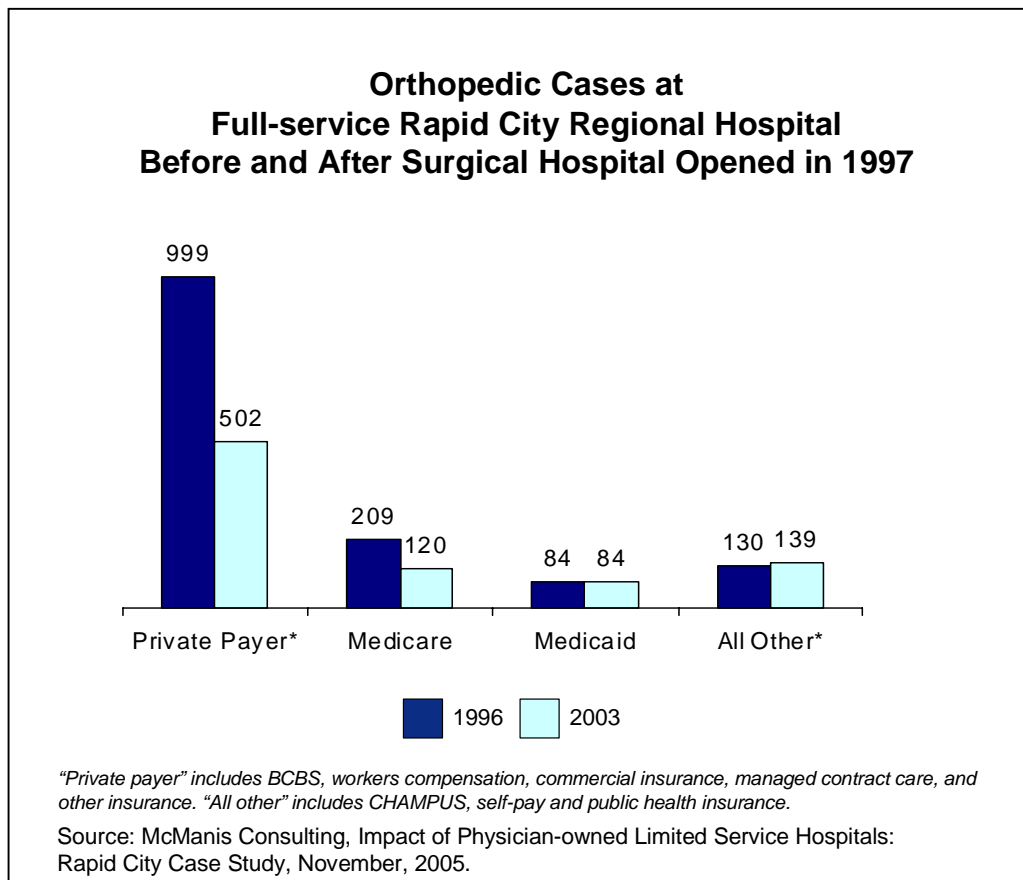


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

### Physician-owned limited-service hospitals focus on the most profitable patients.

Physician-owners have the power to choose which patients to send to their facility and which patients to send to the community hospital. In Rapid City, SD, the orthopedic surgeons sent a large share of their better paying patients – but not their Medicaid patients – to their own facility.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

