

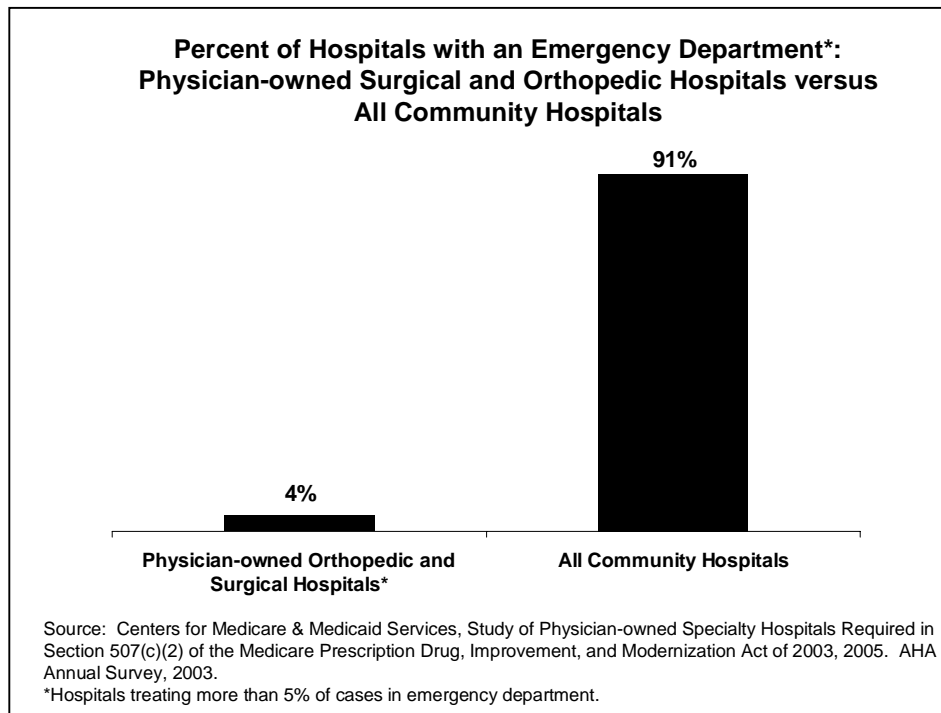


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

### Physician-owned surgical and orthopedic hospitals rarely have emergency departments.

Only four percent of physician-owned surgical and orthopedic hospitals offer emergency department care. This practice avoids the standby costs full-service hospitals incur to ensure patient needs can be met 24/7 and jeopardizes access to care for patients.



### CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

