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

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When community hospitals lose elective cases to physician-owned limited-service hospitals, their ability to support emergency care is reduced.

Most physician-owned limited-service hospitals don’t have emergency departments, focusing instead on the more profitable scheduled cases. This leaves full-service community hospitals with less of an ability to support the emergency care patients rely on 24/7.

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![Pre-tax Margin Diagram]

Scheduled versus Emergency Admissions

Source: HCA Houston Market

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