

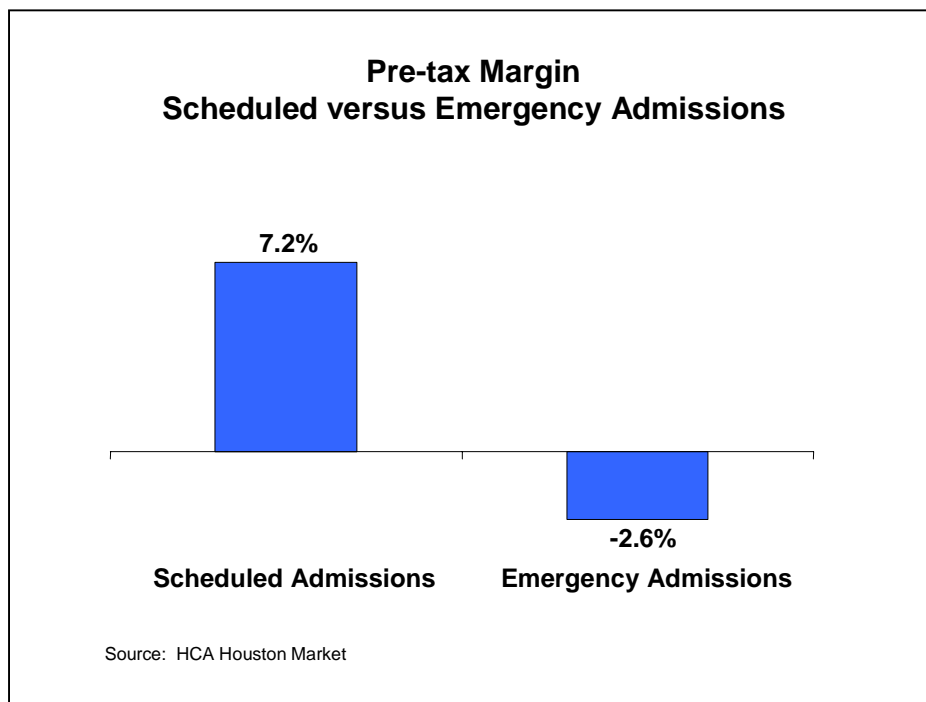


Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

FACT Fax

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.



CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

