



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

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### ***Business Roundtable asks Congress to act on legislation addressing physician-owned limited-service hospitals.***

The Business Roundtable has urged Congress to “act on legislation that would establish a ban, or at a minimum, extend the moratorium on the creation of new physician-owned specialty hospitals.” The Roundtable represents corporate CEOs with a combined workforce of more than 10 million in the U.S. whose companies provide health coverage to about 25 million Americans. In a letter from Michael B. McCallister, chairman of the Roundtable’s Health and Retirement Task Force, the organization says it is “deeply concerned” about the “potential adverse consequences of self-referral created by physician-owned specialty hospitals.” The letter notes that such entities as MedPAC, the Government Accountability Office and CMS have evaluated physician-owned limited service hospitals, and that these studies “indicate the adverse impact these facilities have on the cost, system-wide quality, and availability of health care services.”

## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

