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

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Do the financial incentives created by self-referral influence the behavior of physician-owners? The research says yes.

Behavior 1: Patient Steering

Owner vs. Non-owner Provision of Cardiac Services at Full-service Covenant Health System after Opening of Physician-owned Heart Hospital

Source: Texas Hospital Association, Covenant Health System

CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:
Make permanent the ban on physician self-referral to new limited-service hospitals.

Preserve Care
Promote Fair Competition
Prevent Conflict of Interest

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