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

**Behavior 3: Cherry-picking Patients with Better Insurance**

![Bar chart](image)

Source: MedPAC Report to Congress, Physician-owned Specialty Hospitals, March 2005. Competing community hospitals are hospitals in the same market as the limited-service hospitals.

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

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