

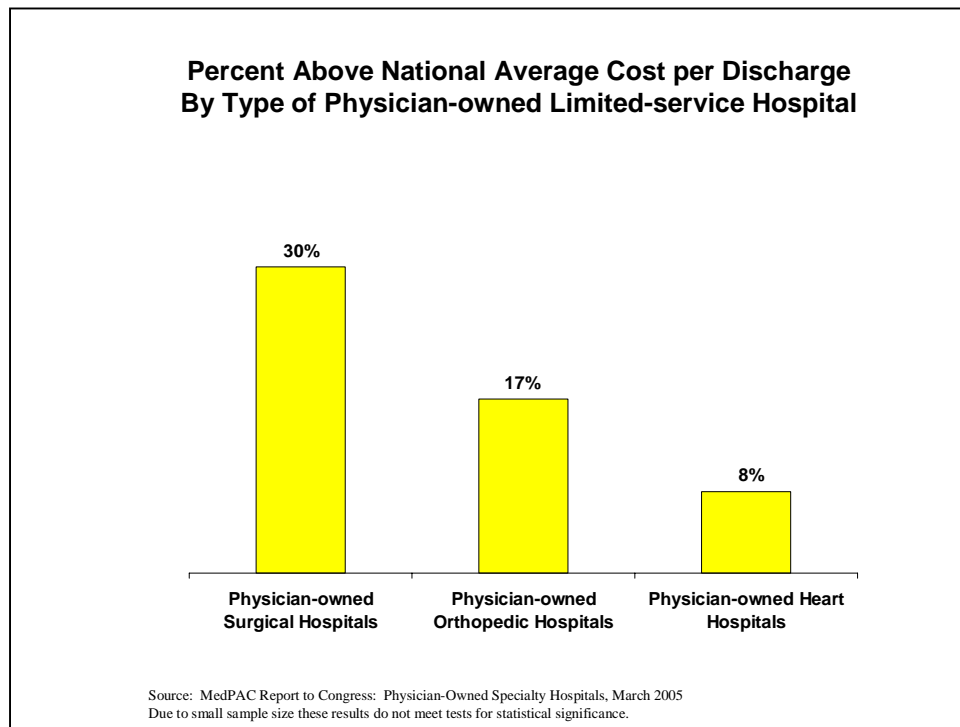


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

### **It is not surprising that physician-owned limited-service hospitals are less efficient than their full-service competitors.**

The self-referral model doesn't rely on efficiency to make money. With self-referral, physician-owners can ensure high profits by selectively steering only the best paying patients to the limited-service hospitals they own. Not surprisingly, MedPAC found this model of care actually leads to higher costs per service. Conflict of interest stands in the way of real competition.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

