

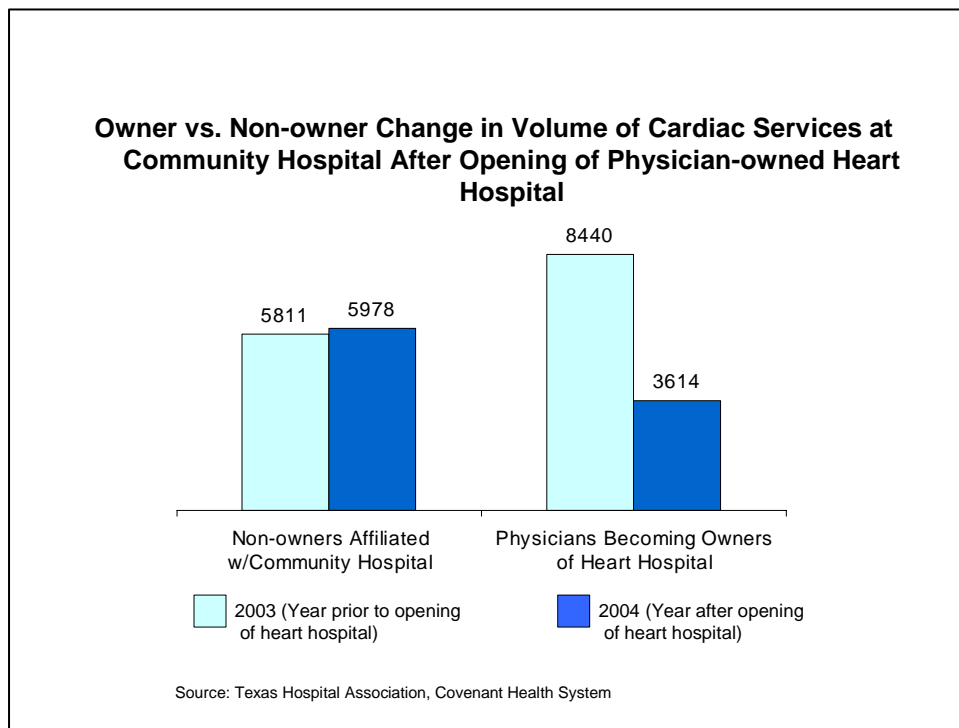


# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

**Physician-owners can – and do – steer patients to the facilities they own.  
*Changes to Medicare payment policy alone will not address this issue.***

Patients rely on their physicians to determine what care to get and where to get it. When physicians own limited-service hospitals, they have a financial incentive to steer patients to those facilities – which the data suggests is exactly what happens.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

