



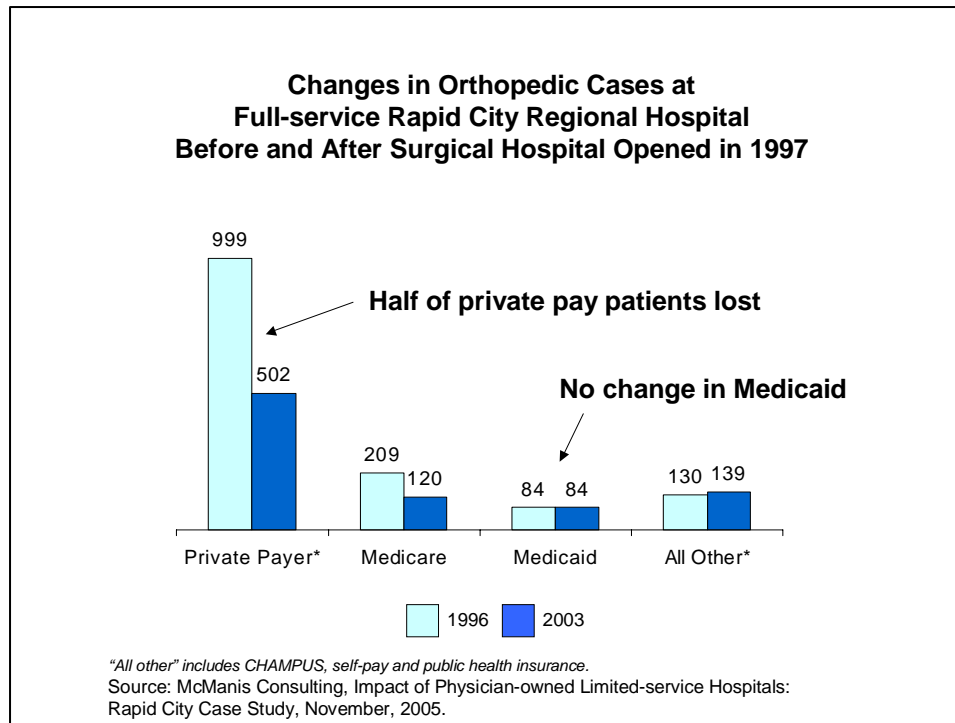
# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

**Physician-owners steer the patients with the best insurance to their own hospitals.**

***Changes to Medicare payment policy alone will not address this issue.***

Physician-owners control which patients are served at their own hospital and which patients remain at the full-service hospital. When physician-owners serve only patients with the best insurance at their own hospital, it ensures high profits, but its not fair competition.



## CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

