



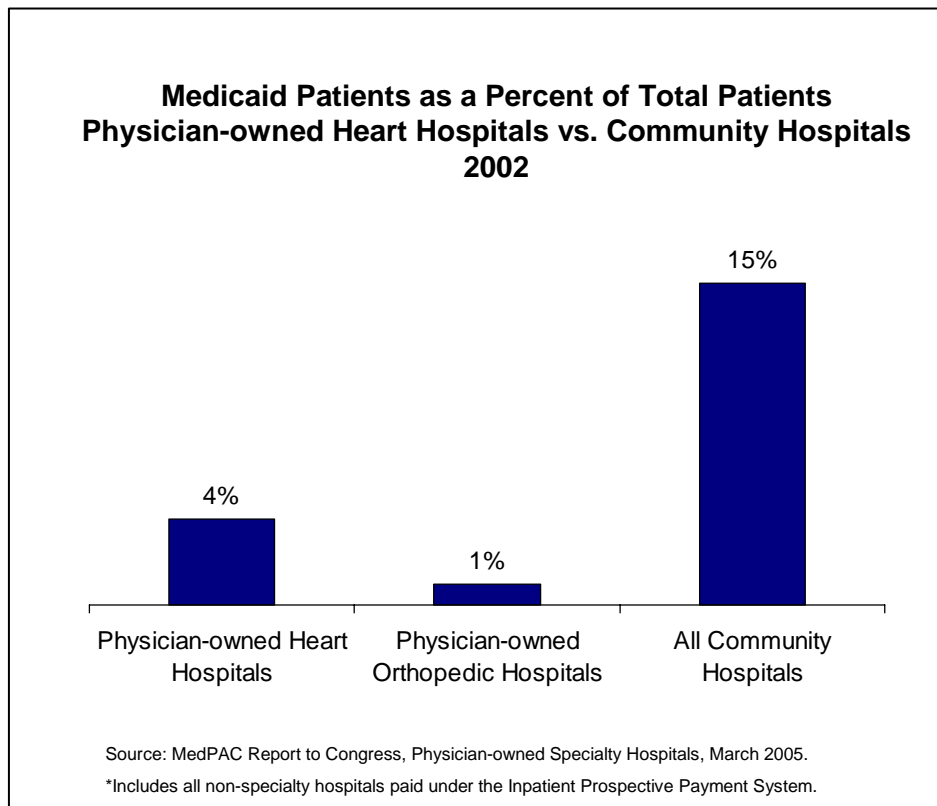
# Self-referral to limited-service hospitals: Bad for America's health care system!

## FACT Fax

### Physician-owned limited-service hospitals avoid serving low-income populations.

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

MedPAC found physician-owned limited-service hospitals serve significantly fewer Medicaid patients than full-service hospitals. Since Medicaid pays hospitals less than the cost of care, this puts full-service hospitals at a financial disadvantage.



### CLOSE THE LOOPHOLE:

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

