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PHYSICIAN OWNED AND OPERATED HOSPITALS GET TOP RANKINGS FROM CONSUMER REPORTS, BUT THEY REMAIN ON THE HEALTHCARE REFORM CHOPPING BLOCK

(Washington, D.C.) – Even while [Consumer Reports](#) is showing hospitals owned and operated by physicians among the best in the country, some in Congress are trying to shut them down in the name of “healthcare reform.”

The independent testing and research organization released a new study last week considering the comments of over one-million patients around the country. Overwhelmingly, [Consumer Reports](#) found that patients prefer the quality of care received at physician owned and operated hospitals, supporting previous independent studies including federal government data available at the [CMS Hospital Compare website](#).

“Physician owned and operated hospitals are clearly among the best in America,” said Molly Sandvig, Executive Director of [Physician Hospitals of America](#) (PHA). “It is clear that the only reason physician hospitals are being attacked is to take away competition in the hospital market place. President Barack Obama acknowledges that competition is healthy in the insurance industry – the same absolutely holds true for hospitals.”

Sandvig adds, “This survey should have a significant impact on anyone seriously considering patient satisfaction and quality care as true concerns in healthcare. It is neither logical nor acceptable for Congress to do away with a health care option that citizens have consistently said they prefer,” said Sandvig.

Sandvig notes that physician owned hospitals were ranked as the #1 hospital in 19 states – adding “This is truly noteworthy considering that approximately 20 states do not have physician owned hospitals.”

Looking at the full report and considering every state in which physician hospitals exist, the following are the significant results:

- **Arkansas** – the top 2 are Physician owned hospitals; plus 4 of the top 7 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Arizona** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital; plus 4 of the top 5 are Physician owned hospitals
- **California** – the top 2 are Physician owned hospitals

- **Colorado** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital
- **Idaho** – the top 2 are Physician owned hospitals; plus 3 of the top 4 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Indiana** – the top 2 are Physician owned hospitals; plus 4 of the top 5 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Kansas** – the top 5 are Physician owned hospitals; plus 10 of the top 13 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Louisiana** – the top 9 hospitals are all Physician owned hospitals
- **Montana** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital, plus 2 of the top 4 are Physician owned hospitals
- **North Carolina** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital
- **Nebraska** – the top 2 hospitals are Physician owned hospitals
- **New Mexico** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital
- **Nevada** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital
- **Ohio** – the top 2 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Oklahoma** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital, plus 8 of the top 10 are Physician owned hospitals
- **South Dakota** – 5 of the top 6 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Texas** – the top 3 are Physician owned hospitals, plus 16 of the top 26 are Physician owned hospitals
- **Utah** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital
- **Washington** – the top 1 is a Physician owned hospital
- **Wisconsin** – the top 2 are Physician owned hospitals

Other physician owned and operated hospitals also rank in the top numbers in these and other states – additional data is available from [Consumer Reports](#).

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