



Ethics in Patient Referrals Act:

The Stark Law and the Practice of Medicine

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Annual Increase in Physician Services per Medicare Beneficiary

(in percent)

	1999- 2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
All	3.6	4.9	6.2	5.5	3.6
E&M	2.2	3.9	3.3	2.9	2.8
Imaging	4.2	8.6	11.0	8.7	6.2
Major Procedure	2.8	2.9	3.4	3.5	2.7
Other Procedure	5.8	4.9	9.4	8.5	2.5
Tests	4.9	9.4	8.9	6.2	6.9

MedPAC, March 2005, 2006, and 2007 Reports; December 7, 2007 meeting

MedPAC Physician Survey, 2006

- Physicians who reported in the last year their practice had expanded:
 - In-office tests and lab26.7%
 - Imaging services.19.2%
 - Equipment and supplies sales. 5.9%