



Health Care's Future

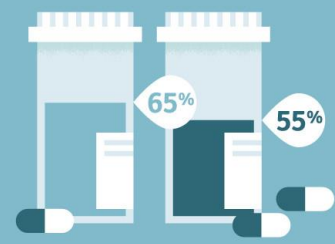
ARE SOME PHYSICIANS GETTING LEFT BEHIND?

According to the 2013 Physician Sentiment Index™, physicians who practice independently have a less rosy view of health care's future than those employed by hospitals. Independent physicians are feeling the most pressure and are the least optimistic about navigating industry change.



• PATIENT CARE HEADED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION? •

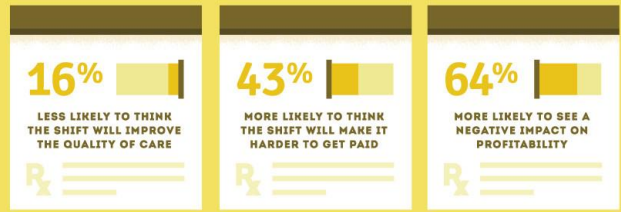
Despite efforts across health care to improve care quality and outcomes, nearly two-thirds of independent physicians believe the quality of medicine will decline over the next five years.



• SHIFT TO "ACCOUNTABLE CARE" TOO RISKY? •

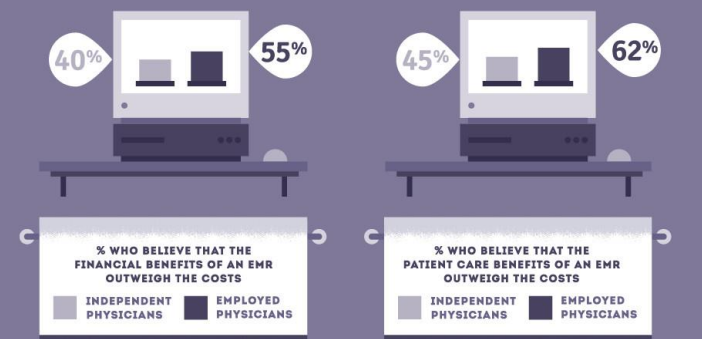
With the Affordable Care Act fueling the rise of Accountable Care Organizations and other models that incentivize physicians and hospitals to reduce the cost of care, independent physicians remain skeptical of the benefits for them and their patients.

COMPARED TO EMPLOYED PHYSICIANS, INDEPENDENT PHYSICIANS ARE:



• THE (OVER?)PROMISE OF EMRS •

Thanks to an aggressive federal incentive program launched in 2009, over half of US physicians have adopted and now use an electronic medical record (EMR) system. But for independent physicians the positive impact of EMRs has yet to live up to the promise.



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