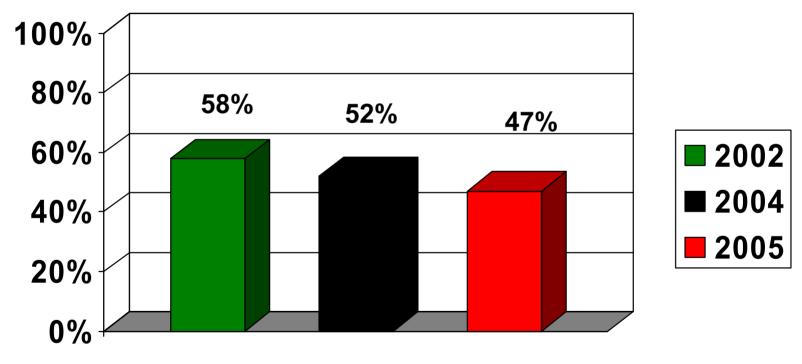
## Percentage of Small Businesses Offering Health Benefits



## **Small Firms (3-9 workers)**

Source: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1999-2005; KPMG Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 1996

## **No Competition = No Choice**

- Blue Cross-Blue Shield now control <u>44%</u> of state small group markets.
- Five largest carriers now have more than <u>75%</u> <u>market share</u> in 26 states and more than <u>90%</u> <u>market share</u> in 12 states.
- In Maine, Blue Cross-Blue Shield carriers currently have a <u>63% market share</u> and the five largest carriers have a <u>98% share</u>.

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