

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Saint Alphonsus Reg'l Med. Ctr. v. Gooding Cnty., Docket No. 42243

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed the Gooding County district court's judgment, which held that the date of admission is not included in calculating the thirty-one day deadline for a third-party medical indigency application. Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center (Saint Alphonsus) submitted a third-party medical indigency application on behalf of a patient who was hospitalized at its facility following an automobile accident. The County Clerk denied the application on the basis that it was not filed within the thirty-one day deadline under the Act. The Gooding County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) affirmed that decision and Saint Alphonsus appealed to the district court. At the district court, Saint Alphonsus argued that the application was timely filed because the date of admission is not included in calculating the thirty-one day deadline. The district court agreed and reversed the BOCC's decision. Gooding County and the BOCC appealed to the Idaho Supreme Court. The Idaho Supreme Court agreed with the district court and held that the date of admission is not included in calculating the application deadline when a patient is hospitalized.