

**SUMMARY STATEMENT**

*St. Luke's Health System v. Board of Gem County Commissioners*

Docket No. 47872

St. Luke's Health System (St. Luke's) appeals a district court's decision on judicial review which affirmed the Gem County Board of Commissioners' (the Board) denial of reimbursement for medical services rendered to an indigent patient. The Board denied reimbursement based on a finding that the services rendered were not "medically necessary" because they were not the "most cost-effective" as required by Idaho Code section 31-3502(18)A(e).

The Idaho Supreme Court held that Idaho Code section 31-3502(18)A(e) required a comparison of services which are actually available to a patient when determining whether services are the most cost-effective. The Court set aside the Board's decision and remanded the case for further proceedings. The Court also decided an identical issue in *St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center v. Ada County*, No. 47867.

***\*\*\*This summary constitutes no part of the Court's opinion. It has been prepared by court staff for the convenience of the public.\*\*\****