

SUMMARY STATEMENT

St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center v. Ada County
Docket No. 47867

The Board of Ada County Commissioners (the Board) appeals from a district court's decision on judicial review reversing the Board's denial of reimbursement to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center (St. Alphonsus) for medical services it rendered to an indigent patient. The Board denied reimbursement for services it deemed "not medically necessary" pursuant to Idaho Code section 31-3502(18)A(e) because those services were not the "most cost-effective" as required for reimbursement.

The Idaho Supreme Court first 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 next held that St. Alphonsus' substantial rights had been prejudiced by the Board's denial of reimbursement for services rendered to the indigent patient. The Court affirmed the decision of the district court. The Court also decided an identical issue in *St. Luke's Health System v. Board of Commissioners of Gem County*, No. 47872.

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