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Court Limits Evidence of Medical Expenses in Personal Injury Actions

In <u>Corenbaum v. Lampkin</u>, the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three today interpreted Howell v. Hamilton Meats (2011) 52 Cal. 4th 541 concluding, amongst other things, that "evidence of the full amount billed [for past medical services] is . . . inadmissible for the purpose of proving noneconomic damages." Absent further appellate review, it appears that evidence of the full amount billed by a medical provider for past medical services cannot be considered by the jury in a personal injury trial, at least within the Second Appellate District.

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