KEVIN McELWEE, individually as parent to JESSICA McELWEE, deceased, and as Administrator of the Estate of JESSICA McELWEE, deceased; KEVIN McELWEE and JO ANN McELWEE, parents of JESSICA McELWEE, individually, Plaintiffs	 : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA : JURY TRIAL DEMANDED : CIVIL ACTION - LAW :
VS.	: NO. 00-01,795
PAUL E. LEBER, M.D.; ADAM M. EDELMAN, M.D.; DONALD E. SHEARER, M.D.; JEANINE SINSABAUGH; CINDY KOONS; JUDY KERSHNER; MUNCY VALLEY HOSPITAL; SUSQUEHANNA HEALTH SYSTEM; SUSQUEHANNA PHYSICIAN SERVICES; and EM CARE and/or WEST BRANCH EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS, Defendants	: : : : : : : : : : : : : :

Date: December 24, 2002

OPINION and ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Preliminary Objection to Amended New Matter of Defendant Leber *et al* filed November 26, 2002. The Court grants Plaintiffs' Preliminary Objection. The Court previously issued an Opinion and Order on October 18, 2002 that struck certain enumerated paragraphs in Leber *et al*'s New Matter. It was the intent of the Court to strike paragraph 146 dealing with the Healthcare Services Medical Malpractice Act and the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Act. Therefore, paragraph 146 of Leber *et al*'s Amended New Matter must be struck based on the reasoning set forth in this Court's October 18, 2002 Opinion and Order.

<u>ORDER</u>

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' Preliminary Objection to Amended New

Matter of Defendant Leber et al filed November 26, 2002 is granted. Paragraph 146 of

Defendant Leber et al's Amended New Matter is stricken.

BY THE COURT:

William S. Kieser, Judge

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