GORDON STONESIFER, : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF

Petitioner : LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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vs. : NO. 01-01,577

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MANORCARE HEALTH SERVICES; : CIVIL ACTION - LAW

MANOR HEALTHCARE CORP.;

MANORCARE HEALTH SERVICES,

INC.,

Respondents : 1925(a) OPINION

Date: February 4, 2003

OPINION IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER OF DECEMBER 11, 2002 IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1925(a) OF THE RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

Plaintiff, Grover Stonesifer, has appealed this Court's opinion and order dated December 11, 2002. That Opinion and Order granted the Motion for Summary Judgment by Defendant Manor Care, and dismissed Plaintiff's claim because Plaintiff failed to establish a *prima facie* case for medical negligence. Plaintiff did so by failing to provide expert medical testimony as to causation.

After reviewing Plaintiff's Statement of Matters Complained of on Appeal filed January 22, 2003, the Court believes that the matters raised have been addressed by this Court's December 11, 2002 Opinion and Order. As such, the Court believes that the Opinion and Order should be affirmed and the appeal dismissed.

BY THE COURT,

William S. Kieser, Judge

cc: Jeffrey C. Dohrmann, Esquire David Lingenfelter, Esquire

Judges

Christian J. Kalaus, Esquire

Gary L. Weber, Esquire (Lycoming Reporter)