

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PA**

S. E. M.,	:	
Plaintiff	:	
	:	
v.	:	No. 04-21,178
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F. R. M.,	:	
Defendant	:	

**OPINION and ORDER**

This opinion addresses the Exceptions filed by Husband to the Master’s order of August 19, 2005, awarding Wife alimony pendente lite.

Husband’s first exception states the award was error, given the short length of the marriage. The parties married in November 2003 and separated in February 2004. The parties’ failed reconciliation never reached the level of cohabitation.

Although the court can conceive of circumstances when alimony pendente lite may be appropriate on such a short marriage, for instance when one spouse changed his or her employment status upon marrying, no such circumstances exist here. This was, in fact, the second time the parties were married to each other. Under the unique facts of this case, the court does not believe any alimony pendente lite is appropriate. Indeed, on such a short marriage the legal costs entailed in filing for alimony pendente lite surely rival the total award most spouses could possibly expect to receive. Therefore, the court will deviate to a zero alimony pendente lite obligation.

Husband also objects to the assessment of a contribution to Wife’s health insurance coverage. Wife receives health insurance through her own employment, and wishes Husband to pay a portion of the cost. In the absence of an alimony pendente lite award, the court can find no reason to award a contribution to health insurance.

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2005, for the reasons stated in the foregoing opinion, Father's exceptions are granted, the Master's order of August 19, 2005 is vacated, and it is ordered that Husband shall have no alimony pendente lite obligation to Wife, and shall owe no insurance contribution. Any amounts paid by Husband to Wife shall be reimbursed within sixty days of today's date.

BY THE COURT,

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Richard A. Gray, J.

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