

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 01D1034255	(X3) Date Survey Completed 06/25/2024
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For information on the provider's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the provider or the state survey agency.		

(X4) ID Prefix Tag	Summary Statement of Deficiencies
D6047	<p>TECHNICAL CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1413(b)(8)(i)</p> <p>The procedures for evaluation of the competency of the staff must include, but are not limited to direct observations of routine patient test performance, including patient preparation, if applicable, specimen handling, processing and testing.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on a review of the Personnel records, a review of the Laboratory Personnel Report (CMS-209), and an interview with the Quality Assurance Coordinator, the Technical Consultant failed to conduct direct observation of routine patient specimens while assessing competency. This was noted for three out of three Testing Personnel who were added to the CMS-209 since the date of the last survey, 5/31/2022. The findings include: 1. A review of the Personnel records revealed timely competency assessments for Testing Personnel #1, Testing Personnel #2, and Testing Personnel #3. All reviewed competency assessments documented the Phlebotomist Supervisor as the observer. The Phlebotomist Supervisor was not listed on the CMS-209 and did not meet the qualifications of Technical Consultant. 2. A review of the CMS-209 revealed the Laboratory Director was listed as the Technical Consultant. 3. During an interview on 6/25/2024 at 12:30 PM, The Quality Assurance Coordinator confirmed the above findings.</p>