Statement of Deficiencies	**(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number**	**(X3) Date Survey Completed**
	04D0642122	04/26/2023
Name of Provider or Supplier	**Street Address, City, State**	
Howard Memorial Hospital	130 Medical Circle, Nashville, AR	

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
D5477	CONTROL PROCEDURES CFR(s): 493.1256(e)(4)(g) (e) For reagent, media, and supply checks, the laboratory must do the following: (e)(4) Before, or concurrent with the initial use-- (e)(4)(i) Check each batch of media for sterility if sterility is required for testing; (e)(4)(ii) Check each batch of media for its ability to support growth and, as appropriate, select or inhibit specific organisms or produce a biochemical response; and (e)(4)(iii) Document the physical characteristics of the media when compromised and report any deterioration in the media to the manufacturer. (g) The laboratory must document all control procedures performed. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of Microbiology Quality Control policies, a review of quality control records for Tryptic Soy Agar with Sheep Blood (TSAII), and interviews with laboratory staff, the laboratory failed to document sterility, and the ability to support growth for each batch and shipment of TSAII. Survey findings include: A. The Microbiology Quality Control policies do not include in house quality control for TSAII agar. B. Records presented to the surveyor to represent quality control of TSAII were package inserts showing quality control was performed by the manufacturer. C. In an interview, at 2:07 on 4/26/2023, laboratory employee #2 (as listed on the form CMS-209) stated that the laboratory accepts the manufacturer's quality control as the quality control for each lot or shipment of media and does not perform in-house quality control. Laboratory employee #2 further confirmed the laboratory does not have an IQCP for microbiological media.