

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 04D1101488	(X3) Date Survey Completed 02/20/2020
Name of Provider or Supplier Central Arkansas Gastroenterology	Street Address, City, State 212 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, 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
D6084	<p>LABORATORY DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1445(e)(2)</p> <p>The laboratory director must ensure that the physical plant and environmental conditions provide a safe environment in which employees are protected from physical, chemical, and biological hazards.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Through a review of the laboratory procedure titled "Formaldehyde Precautions", lack of documentation, and interviews with laboratory staff, it was determined the laboratory director failed to ensure employees were protected from chemical hazards of formaldehyde usage. Survey findings follow: A. The Formaldehyde Precautions procedure states, "All Pathology Department personnel shall be monitored either by badges or an environmental safety company on a yearly based...A permanent record of all results shall be kept in the office of the Laboratory Supervisor." Under the section titled "Exposure Monitoring" the procedure states, "A sampling is conducted to determine both the 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) exposures and the short term exposures of each job classification. Monitoring shall be conducted whenever a process, equipment, or personnel change occurs that may alter exposure." Under the "Recordkeeping" section of the procedure, it states, "The following records shall be maintained: Personnel exposure measurements for a minimum of 30 years; Medical surveillance records for a minimum of 30 years; and respirator fit testing." B. At 9:55 a.m. on 2/20/2020 the surveyor requested documentation of formaldehyde exposure monitoring but none was presented to the surveyor for review. C. In an interview, at 9:55 a.m. on 2/20/2020, laboratory employee #1 (as listed on the form CMS-209) stated that she was unaware of the need for formaldehyde monitoring and that there was no documentation.</p>