

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 05D2303208	(X3) Date Survey Completed 03/25/2025
Name of Provider or Supplier Lifeline Clinical Laboratory Inc	Street Address, City, State 7445 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga, CA	
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
D0000	A proficiency testing desk review survey as performed on 3/25/2025, the laboratory was found not in compliance with the following CONDITION LEVEL DEFICIENCIES D2016 - 42 C.F.R. 493.803 Condition: Successful [proficiency testing] participation; and D6000 - 42 C.F.R. 493.1403 Condition: Laboratories performing moderate complexity testing.
D2016	<p>SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION CFR(s): 493.803(a)(b)(c)</p> <p>(a) Each laboratory performing nonwaived testing must successfully participate in a proficiency testing program approved by CMS, if applicable, as described in subpart I of this part for each specialty, subspecialty, and analyte or test in which the laboratory is certified under CLIA. (b) Except as specified in paragraph (c) of this section, if a laboratory fails to participate successfully in proficiency testing for a given specialty, subspecialty, analyte or test, as defined in this section, or fails to take remedial action when an individual fails gynecologic cytology, CMS imposes sanctions, as specified in subpart R of this part. (c) If a laboratory fails to perform successfully in a CMS-approved proficiency testing program, for the initial unsuccessful performance, CMS may direct the laboratory to undertake training of its personnel or to obtain technical assistance, or both, rather than imposing alternative or principle sanctions except when one or more of the following conditions exists: (1) There is immediate jeopardy to patient health and safety. (2) The laboratory fails to provide CMS or a CMS agent with satisfactory evidence that it has taken steps to correct the problem identified by the unsuccessful proficiency testing performance. (3) The laboratory has a poor compliance history.</p> <p>This CONDITION is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) - 0155D and American Proficiency Institute (API) records (2024-2, and 2025-1), the laboratory failed to successfully participate in a proficiency testing</p>

	<p>program approved by HHS for each specialty, subspecialty and analyte or test in which the laboratory is certified under CLIA, the laboratory failed to successfully participate for the analytes Free Ty and TSH resulting in unsuccessful performances. See D2107.</p>
D2107	<p>ENDOCRINOLOGY CFR(s): 493.843(f)</p> <p>(f) Failure to achieve satisfactory performance for the same analyte or test in two consecutive testing events or two out of three consecutive testing events is unsuccessful performance.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Report 0155D Individual Laboratory Profile and API - American Proficiency Institute (API) report, the laboratory failed to achieve satisfactory performance for two out of three consecutive events (2024-2 and 2025-1) for the analytes Free Ty and TSH: The finding include: 1. Free Ty 40% - 2024 second testing event; Free Ty 0% - 2025 first testing event; 2. TSH 20% - 2024 second testing event; TSH 0% - 2025 first testing event. A review of the 2024 & 2025 scores from American Proficiency Institute (API) confirmed the above findings.</p>
D2108	<p>ENDOCRINOLOGY CFR(s): 493.843(g)</p> <p>(g) Failure to achieve an overall testing event score of satisfactory performance for two consecutive testing events or two out of three consecutive testing events is unsuccessful performance.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Report 0155D Individual Laboratory Profile and API - American Proficiency Institute (API) report, the laboratory failed to achieve satisfactory performance for two out of three consecutive events (2024-2, and 2025-1) for the specialty Endocrinology: The finding include: 1. Endocrinology 30% - 2024 second testing event; Endocrinology 0% - 2025 first testing event. A review of the 2024 & 2025 scores from American Proficiency Institute (API) confirmed the above findings.</p>
D6000	<p>MODERATE COMPLEXITY LABORATORY DIRECTOR CFR(s): 493.1403</p> <p>The laboratory must have a director who meets the qualification requirements of 493.1405 of this subpart and provides overall management and direction in accordance with 493.1407 of this subpart.</p> <p>This CONDITION is not met as evidenced by: Based on a proficiency testing desk review of the CASPER 0155D report and API records for 2024-2 and 2025-1 events, the laboratory director failed to provide overall management and direction of the laboratory services. Refer to D6016.</p>

D6016

LABORATORY DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

CFR(s): 493.1407(e)(4)(i)

(e)(4)(i) The proficiency testing samples are tested as required under Subpart H of this part;

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:

Based on a proficiency testing desk review of the CASPER 0155D report and American Proficiency Institute (API) records for 2024-2 and 2025-1 events, the laboratory director failed to ensure successful participation in an HHS proficiency testing program. Refer to D2107 and D2108..