

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 11D0261736	(X3) Date Survey Completed 02/13/2019
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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
D0000	A Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) recertification survey was completed on February 13, 2019. The laboratory was not in compliance with applicable CLIA requirements found at 42 CFR 493.1 through 42 CFR 493.1780. The following deficiency was cited:
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 2017, 2018 American Proficiency Institute(API) proficiency testing (PT) documents review and an interview with the general supervisor TP #1 (CMS 209), the laboratory failed to maintain satisfactory performance in three (3) consecutive events (2017 3rd event, 2018 1st event and 2018 2nd event) for Susceptibility Testing in</p>

Microbiology. The findings include: 1. Review of 2017 and 2018 (PT) reports disclosed the laboratory failed Susceptibility Testing in Microbiology: 2017 3rd Event 71%, 2018 1st Event 67% and 2018 2nd Event 71%. 2. An interview with the general supervisor TP # 1 (CMS 209) in the review room at approximately 12:35 pm on 02/13 /2018 confirmed the laboratory failed API (PT) three(3) consecutive Microbiology Culture Susceptibility Testing resulting in the unsuccessful performance in 2017 and 2018.