Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 11D0674486	(X3) Date Survey Completed 02/23/2023
Name of Provider or Supplier Lowndes County Health Department	**Street Address, City, State** 206 South Patterson Street, Valdosta, GA	

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 recertification survey was performed on February 14, 2023. The facility was found to be NOT in compliance with all applicable CLIA requirements for specialties /subspecialties for 42 CFR.
D5413	TEST SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, REAGENT CFR(s): 493.1252(b) The laboratory must define criteria for those conditions that are essential for proper storage of reagents and specimens, accurate and reliable test system operation, and test result reporting. The criteria must be consistent with the manufacturer's instructions, if provided. These conditions must be monitored and documented and, if applicable, include the following: (1) Water quality. (2) Temperature. (3) Humidity. (4) Protection of equipment and instruments from fluctuations and interruptions in electrical current that adversely affect patient test results and test reports. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the Temperature and Humidity logs, for 2021 and 2022, for all 14 county facilities, in the 8-1 District Health Department (Lowndes County), and confirmed by staff interview, 1 facility did not document the Humidity for 2021 or 2022. Findings: 1. Review of the Temperature and Humidity Logs, for all 14 counties in the Lowndes County Health Department,the Turner County Health Department facility did not record Humidity for 2021, 2022, and up to February 23, 2023. 2. Interview with the District 8-1 Nursing Clinical Director and the Turner County Nurse Manager on February 23, 2023, in the Berrien County Health Department Conference Room , at approximately 4pm, confirmed the above aforementioned statement.
D6010	LABORATORY DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1407(e)(2) The laboratory director is responsible for the overall operation and administration of

	the laboratory, including the employment of personnel who are competent to perform test procedures, and record and report test results promptly, accurate, and proficiently and for assuring compliance with the applicable regulations. (e) The laboratory director must-- (e)(2) Ensure that the physical plant and environmental conditions of the laboratory are appropriate for the testing performed. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the Temperature and Humidity Logs, for the 14 county facilities that make up the District 8-1 Georgia Health Departments, and confirmed with staff interview, the Laboratory Director (LD) failed to ensure that the environmental conditions for 1 out of the 14 facilities, in the District 8-1 Georgia Health Department, was monitoring Humidity for 2021, 2022, and 2023 up to February 23. Findings: 1. Review of the Temperature and Humidity Logs for 2021, 2022, and up to February 23, 2023, for the 14 counties making up the District 8-1 Georgia Public Health Departments, 1 county (Taylor County) had not recorded the Humidity for 2021, 2022, and up to February 2023. 2. Interview with the 8-1 District Nursing Clinical Director and the Turner County Nurse Manager, on February 23, at approximately 4pm, in the conference room , in the Berrien County (Nashville Ga) Georgia Public Health conference room confirmed the above aforementioned statement.