

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 11D0941884	(X3) Date Survey Completed 10/03/2018
Name of Provider or Supplier Alpha Internal Medicine	Street Address, City, State 745 South Glynn Street, Fayetteville, 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 proficiency testing desk review was completed on October 3, 2018. At the time of the review, the laboratory was not in compliance with the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988, 42 CFR 493.1 through 42 CFR 493.1780. The following deficiencies were cited:
D2016	SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION CFR(s): 493.803(a)(b)(c) (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. This CONDITION is not met as evidenced by: Based on proficiency testing desk review using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Casper Reports 155 and 153 and review of the laboratory's proficiency testing (PT) reports from the American Proficiency Institute (API), the laboratory failed to maintain satisfactory performance in two of three consecutive

	events (2nd and 3rd events of 2018), resulting in the first unsuccessful occurrence for cell identification or white blood cell differential (DIFF) # 765. Findings include: Refer to D 2130
D2130	HEMATOLOGY CFR(s): 493.851(f) Failure to achieve satisfactory performance for the same analyte in two consecutive events or two out of three consecutive testing events is unsuccessful performance. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on proficiency testing desk review using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Casper Reports 155 and 153 and review of the laboratory's proficiency testing (PT) reports from the American Proficiency Institute (API), the laboratory failed to maintain satisfactory performance in two of three consecutive events (3rd event of 2017 and 2nd event of 2018), resulting in the first unsuccessful occurrence for cell identification or white blood cell differential (DIFF) # 765. Findings include: 1. Desk review of Casper Reports 153 and 155 disclosed the laboratory failed analyte #765 DIFF on event 3 of 2017 with a score of 73% and event 2 of 2018 with a score of 67%. 2. Desk review of the laboratory's proficiency testing reports from API confirms the laboratory failed DIFF on events 3 of 2017 and 2 of 2018 resulting in the first unsuccessful performance.