

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 13D2011399	(X3) Date Survey Completed 12/11/2025
Name of Provider or Supplier Northwest Specialty Hospital	Street Address, City, State 1593 E Polston Ave, Post Falls, ID	
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
D5431	<p>MAINTENANCE AND FUNCTION CHECKS CFR(s): 493.1254(a)(2)</p> <p>(a)(2) Function checks as defined by the manufacturer and with at least the frequency specified by the manufacturer. Function checks must be within the manufacturers established limits before patient testing is conducted. (b) Equipment, instruments, or test systems developed in-house, commercially available and modified by the laboratory, or maintenance and function check protocols are not provided by the manufacturer. The laboratory must do the following:</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on a lack of documentation, i-STAT user guide and an interview with the technical consultant (TC) on 12/11/2025, the laboratory failed to perform six month function checks as required by the manufacturer in 2024 and 2025. The findings include: 1. A lack of i-STAT maintenance/function check documentation identified that the laboratory failed to perform the thermal probe check every six months on two of two i-STAT analyzers in 2024 and 2025. 2. A review of the i-STAT user guide confirmed that the laboratory is required to "Ensure the thermal probe check is performed every 6 months on each analyzer." 3. An interview with the TC on 12/11/2025 at 11:37 confirmed that the thermal probe checks had not been performed in 2024 and 2025. 4. The laboratory reports performing 8,000 tests annually on the two i-STAT analyzers.</p>
D6063	<p>LABORATORY TESTING PERSONNEL CFR(s): 493.1421</p> <p>The laboratory must have a sufficient number of individuals who meet the qualification requirements of 493.1423, to perform the functions specified in 493.1425 for the volume and complexity of tests performed.</p>

This CONDITION is not met as evidenced by:
Based on a review of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 209 personnel form, educational documents and an interview with the human resources (HR) officer on 12/11/2025, the laboratory failed to have five (5) testing personnel qualified with the minimum educational requirements. See D6065

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TESTING PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

CFR(s): 493.1423(b)(1)(2)(3)(4)(i)

(b) Meet one of the following requirements: (b)(1) Be a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the State in which the laboratory is located; or (b)(2) Have earned a doctoral, master's, or bachelor's degree in a chemical, biological, clinical or medical laboratory science, or medical technology, or nursing from an accredited institution; or (b)(3) Meet the requirements in 493.1405(b)(3)(i)(B), (b)(4)(i)(B), (b)(4)(i)(C) or (b)(5)(i)(B); or (b)(4) Have earned an associate degree in a chemical, biological, clinical or medical laboratory science, or medical laboratory technology or nursing from an accredited institution; or (b)(5) Be a high school graduate or equivalent and have successfully completed an official military medical laboratory procedures course of at least a duration of 50 weeks and have held the military enlisted occupational specialty of Medical Laboratory Specialist (Laboratory Technician); or (b)(6)(i) Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent; and

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on a review of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 209 personnel form, educational documents and an interview with the human resources (HR) officer on 12/11/2025, the laboratory failed to have educational documentation for five (5) of 87 personnel performing moderate complexity testing. The findings include: 1. A review of the laboratory's CMS 209 identified 87 testing personnel (TP) performing moderate complexity testing. 2. A review of educational documents for the TP listed on the CMS 209 identified that the laboratory failed to have documentation of the minimal educational requirement for five (5) of 87 TP performing moderate complexity testing. 3. An interview with the HR officer on 12/11/2025 at 11:45 am confirmed that there was no documentation of education available for five (5) TP to qualify them as moderate complexity TP. 4. The laboratory reports performing 8,000 moderate complexity tests annually.