

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 14D2075610	(X3) Date Survey Completed 01/02/2024
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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
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 an off-site desk review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Report 0155D Individual Laboratory Profile, American Association of Bioanalysts - Medical Laboratory Evaluation (AAB-MLE) Proficiency Testing (PT) records, and email correspondence with the AAB-MLE PT program representative confirmed the laboratory's subsequent unsuccessful PT performance for the subspecialty of bacteriology (See D2028) for three consecutive PT events in 2023 (events one, two, and three).</p>
D2028	BACTERIOLOGY

CFR(s): 493.823(e)

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.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:

Based on an off-site desk review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Report 0155D Individual Laboratory Profile, American Association of Bioanalysts - Medical Laboratory Evaluation (AAB-MLE) Proficiency Testing (PT) records, and email correspondence with the AAB-MLE PT program representative the laboratory failed to achieve satisfactory performance for the subspecialty of bacteriology for three consecutive PT events in 2023 (events one, two, and three) resulting in the subsequent unsuccessful PT performance for the subspecialty of bacteriology. Findings include: 1. Review of the CASPER Report 0155D, generated on 01-19-2024, and AAB-MLE PT records, the laboratory received the following unsatisfactory scores for the subspecialty of bacteriology. BACTERIOLOGY EVENT 1, 2023 14% - Unsatisfactory EVENT 2, 2023 59% - Unsatisfactory EVENT 3, 2023 71% - Unsatisfactory 2. An email with the AAB-MLE PT representative on 01-08-2024 at 8:20 AM, confirmed the subsequent unsuccessful performance for the subspecialty of bacteriology.

D6076

LABORATORY DIRECTOR
CFR(s): 493.1441

The laboratory must have a director who meets the qualification requirements of 493.1443 of this subpart and provides overall management and direction in accordance with 493.1445 of this subpart.

This CONDITION is not met as evidenced by:

Based on an off-site desk review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Report 0155D Individual Laboratory Profile, American Association of Bioanalysts - Medical Laboratory Evaluation (AAB-MLE) Proficiency Testing (PT) records, and email correspondence with an AAB-MLE PT program representative the laboratory director failed to ensure successful participation in an Health and Human Services (HHS) approved PT program for the subspecialty of bacteriology (see D6087) resulting in the laboratory's subsequent unsuccessful PT performance for the subspecialty of bacteriology for three consecutive PT events (events one, two, and three) in 2023.

D6087

LABORATORY DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES
CFR(s): 493.1445(e)(3)(iii)

The laboratory director must ensure that laboratory personnel are performing the test methods as required for accurate and reliable results.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:

Based on an off-site desk review of the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) Report 0155D Individual Laboratory Profile, American Association of Bioanalysts - Medical Laboratory Evaluation (AAB-MLE) Proficiency

Testing (PT) records, and email correspondence with an AAB-MLE PT program representative the laboratory director failed to ensure successful participation in an Health and Human Services (HHS) approved PT program for the subspecialty of bacteriology (see D2028) resulting in the laboratory's subsequent unsuccessful PT performance for the subspecialty of bacteriology for three consecutive PT events (events one, two, and three) in 2023.