

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 15D0948583	(X3) Date Survey Completed 04/14/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier Applegarth Dermatology Pc	Street Address, City, State 1861 South Sturdy Road, Valparaiso, IN	
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
D5417	<p>TEST SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, INSTRUMENTS, REAGENT CFR(s): 493.1252(d)</p> <p>(d) Reagents, solutions, culture media, control materials, calibration materials, and other supplies must not be used when they have exceeded their expiration date, have deteriorated, or are of substandard quality.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, policy and procedures review, medical record review, and interview, the laboratory failed to ensure the potassium hydroxide (KOH) reagent for fungal wet mount microscopic examination had not exceeded its expiration date from 11-29-2025 to the date of survey on 4-14-2026 for 2 of 2 patient (Pt.) samples. Findings include: 1. During a tour on 4-14-2026 at 9:40 am, the following was observed: a. A bottle of 10 percent potassium hydroxide (KOH) lot number 3333 expiration date 11-29-2025 was in use for patient testing. 2 bottles of KOH were unopened but also expired. b. A Microstar IV microscope was in use for patient (Pt.) testing. 2. Policy titled "KOH Policy and Procedure", signed by the Laboratory Director (LD) on 1-21-2026, states on page 1 of 2 to "check expiration dates on saline and Potassium Hydroxide prior to use". 3. Medical Record review indicated the following patients had KOH assays performed with expired KOH reagent. Patients Exam Date Result Pt#9 3-09-2026 Positive Pt#10 2-04-2026 Negative 4. During an interview on 4-14-2026 at 9:45 am, SP-01 (Office Manager) confirmed the use of the expired KOH reagent.</p>