

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 17D0648346	(X3) Date Survey Completed 04/08/2025
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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
D2010	<p>TESTING OF PROFICIENCY TESTING SAMPLES CFR(s): 493.801(b)(2)</p> <p>(b)(2) The laboratory must test samples the same number of times that it routinely tests patient samples.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the laboratory's patient test logs, American Proficiency Institute (API) proficiency testing (PT) records, proficiency testing procedure, and interview with the laboratory director (LD), the laboratory failed to test proficiency samples the same number of times that it routinely tests patient samples and failed to follow PT procedure instructions for five of five PT events in 2023 and 2024. Findings: 1. Review of the laboratory's patient test results for the same dates of PT was performed revealed that patient's samples for wet preps were routinely examined once or twice. 2. PT samples from API were also reviewed. The following PT samples were each examined multiple times by testing personnel (TP) prior to the deadline submission date on the following testing dates: a. API 2023 Hematology/Coagulation 2nd Event. Test date 7/14/23 samples VKP-02 and VA-02. Results reported by two TP. API submission deadline date of 8/2/23. b. API 2023 Hematology/Coagulation 3rd Event. Test date 11/7/23 samples VKP-03 and VA-03. Results reported by two TP. API submission deadline date of 11/29/23. c. API 2024 Hematology/Coagulation 1st Event. Test date 3/5/24 samples VKP-01 and VA-01. Results reported by two TP. API submission deadline date of 3/27/24. d. API 2024 Hematology/Coagulation 2nd Event. Test date 7/10/24 sample VA-02. Results reported by four TP. API submission deadline date of 7/31/24. e. API 2024 Hematology/Coagulation 3rd Event. Test date 11/6/24 sample VA-03. Results reported by four TP. API submission deadline date of 11/20/24. 3. Review of "Proficiency Test Sample Specimen Handling" procedure under "Policy" item #5 it states "For PPM samples, designate one specific staff member for the ID." 4. Based on interview on 4/8/25 at 9:50 a.m., the LD confirmed the laboratory failed to test proficiency samples the same number of times that it routinely</p>

tests patient samples and failed to follow PT procedure instructions for five of five PT events in 2023 and 2024.

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EVALUATION OF PROFICIENCY TESTING PERFORMANCE
CFR(s): 493.1236(b)(1)

(b) The laboratory must verify the accuracy of the following: (b)(1) Any analyte or subspecialty without analytes listed in subpart I of this part that is not evaluated or scored by a CMS-approved proficiency testing program.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
Based on a review of PT records from API and interview with LD, the laboratory failed to evaluate its proficiency testing results that were not scored by the PT program for one of five events in 2023 and 2024. Findings: Review of PT results from API for 2023 Hematology/Coagulation 3rd Event revealed the following ungraded results with no evaluation provided at the time of survey. 1. Wet prep - sample VA-03 was not graded by API. No documentation of self-evaluation was provided at the time of survey. 2. Interview with LD on 4/8/25 at 9:50 a.m. confirmed the laboratory failed to evaluate its proficiency testing results that were not scored by the PT program for one of five events in 2023 and 2024.