

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 22D0071756	(X3) Date Survey Completed 03/20/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier Lawrence General Hospital Blood Gas Lab	Street Address, City, State One General Street, Lawrence, MA	
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
D5215	<p>EVALUATION OF PROFICIENCY TESTING PERFORMANCE CFR(s): 493.1236(b)(2)</p> <p>The laboratory must verify the accuracy of any analyte, specialty or subspecialty assigned a proficiency testing score that does not reflect laboratory test performance (that is, when the proficiency testing program does not obtain the agreement required for scoring as specified in subpart I of this part, or the laboratory receives a zero score for nonparticipation, or late return or results).</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview with the technical consultant (TC) on 3/20 /2026, the laboratory failed to review and evaluate a proficiency testing (PT) sample result failure for one of six events in 2024 and 2025. Findings include: 1. On 03/20 /2026, record review of 2024 and 2025 proficiency testing (PT) records revealed the following sample failure: a. AQ-A Critical Care Blood Gas w/ Chemistry 2025 Event 1 - 80% Score. Incorrect response sample AQ-5 for PC02. 2. Surveyor record review 2025 AQ-PT records revealed no evidence of a review, evaluation, or corrective action for incorrect QA-5 sample results. 3. Interview on 03/20/2026 at 12:20 PM with the TC, confirmed the laboratory failed to review, evaluate, or implement corrective action for the PT sample failure.</p>
D6051	<p>TECHNICAL CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1413(b)(8)(v)</p> <p>(b)(8)(v) Assessment of test performance through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind testing samples or external proficiency testing samples; and</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on surveyor review of 2024 and 2025 laboratory personnel competency records</p>

and an interview with the technical consultant (TC), the TC failed to assess staff test performance competency using previously analyzed, internal blinded samples or external proficiency testing samples. The findings include: 1. Surveyor record review on 3/20/2026 of the "Lawrence General Hospital Annual Blood Gas Competency" 2025 records revealed that the laboratory lacked documentation indicating the use of previously analyzed, blinded, or proficiency testing samples as part of its staff 2025 competency assessment. 2. The TC confirmed the finding above during an interview on 3/20/2026 at 11:20 am.