| Statement of Deficiencies | (X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number<br><br>22D0081808 | (X3) Date Survey Completed<br><br>05/03/2023 |
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| **Name of Provider or Supplier**<br><br>Pediatric Associates Of New Bedford | **Street Address, City, State**<br><br>225 Field Street, New Bedford, 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 |
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| **D6051** | TECHNICAL CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES<br>CFR(s): 493.1413(b)(8)(v)<br><br>The procedures for evaluation of the competency of the staff must include, but are not limited to assessment of test performance through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind testing samples or external proficiency testing samples.<br><br>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:<br>Based on record review and confirmed through an interview with the technical consultant (TC), the TC failed to assess the competency of all testing personnel (TP) through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind testing samples or external proficiency testing (PT) samples in the specialty of Hematology. Findings include: 1. Record review on 5/3/2023 of the laboratory's 2021 and 2022 American Proficiency Institute PT attestation sheets revealed 1 of 3 moderate complexity TP did not have their competency assessed through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind samples or external PT samples in the specialty of Hematology. 2. Record review on 5/3/2023 of the laboratory's PT policy revealed, a. "It is essential that all personnel be involved in testing." b. "PT samples are tested with the lab's regular patient workload by personnel who routinely perform testing." 3. Record review on 5/3/2023 of the 2021 and 2022 competency assessment records for TP#1 revealed: a. Section d. Assessment of test performance through external PT was checked off as being performed. b. The competency records were signed by the TC. 4. Staff interview on 5/3/2023 at 10:26 AM with TP#2 confirmed TP#1 did not perform PT or test a previously analyzed or blind sample in 2021 and 2022 in the specialty of Hematology. TP#2 stated, "TP#1 is only here a few days a week." 5. Staff interview on 5/3/2023 at 10:28 AM with the TC confirmed TP#1 did not perform PT or test a previously analyzed or blind sample in 2021 and 2022 in the specialty of Hematology. The TC also confirmed the above indicated competency sheets were signed as completed for testing PT, previously analyzed or blind samples. 6. The laboratory performs 14,987 tests annually in the specialty of Hematology. |