

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 24D0406702	(X3) Date Survey Completed 01/28/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier Kittson Memorial Hospital Association	Street Address, City, State 1010 S Birch Ave, Hallock, MN	
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
D0000	The Kittson Memorial Hospital laboratory was found to be out of compliance with the regulations of the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (42 C.F.R. part 493) upon completion of the off-site proficiency testing desk review performed on January 28, 2026. The following condition-level deficiency was cited: 493.803 Successful participation The following standard-level deficiency was cited: 493.851 Hematology .
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 a desk review of proficiency testing (PT) records from the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reporting (CASPER) 0155 report and American</p>

Proficiency Institute (API) 2025 records, the laboratory failed to successfully participate in a proficiency testing program approved by HHS, for each specialty, subspecialty, and analyte or test in which the laboratory is certified under CLIA. The laboratory failed to successfully participate in the specialty of Hematology for the analyte WBC differential. Refer to D2130. .

D2130

HEMATOLOGY
CFR(s): 493.851(f)

(f) Failure to achieve satisfactory performance for the same analyte in two consecutive events or two out of three consecutive testing events is unsuccessful performance.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:
. Based on a proficiency testing desk review of CASPER 0155D report and American Proficiency Institute (API) 2025 proficiency testing records, the laboratory failed to achieve satisfactory performance (80% or greater) for the same analyte in two of three consecutive testing events in the specialty of Hematology and for White Blood Cell (WBC) Differential analytes. Findings are as follows: 1. Review of the CASPER 0155D report revealed the following results: 2025 2nd Event the laboratory received an unsatisfactory score of 32% for WBC Differential. 2025 3rd Event the laboratory received an unsatisfactory score of 32% for WBC Differential. 2. A review of the API 2025 proficiency testing records confirmed the laboratory received the above results. See below API Hematology/Coagulation 2025 2nd event WBC Differential 32% - Basophils 20% -Eosinophils 20% -Lymphocytes 40% -Monocytes 60% -Neutrophils 20% API Hematology/Coagulation 2025 3rd Event WBC Differential 32% -Basophils 20% -Eosinophils 20% -Lymphocytes 60% -Monocytes 40% -Neutrophils 20% .