

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 25D0029647	(X3) Date Survey Completed 08/07/2026
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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
D5477	CONTROL PROCEDURES CFR(s): 493.1256(e)(4)(g) (e)(4) Before, or concurrent with the initial use-- (e)(4)(i) Check each batch of media for sterility if sterility is required for testing; (e)(4)(ii) Check each batch of media for its ability to support growth and, as appropriate, select or inhibit specific organisms or produce a biochemical response; and (e)(4)(iii) Document the physical characteristics of the media when compromised and report any deterioration in the media to the manufacturer. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the bioMerieux BacT ALERT 3D Microbial Detection System procedure and quality control, Individualized Quality Control Plan (IQCP), and confirmation with General Supervisor, the laboratory failed to examine each new lot number or shipment of blood culture media and document physical characteristics for six of six lot numbers. Findings include: 1. According to the bioMerieux BacT ALERT 3D blood culture QC records from 9/27/2024 through 8/6/2026, the laboratory retained the manufacturer's Certificate of Conformance which states that each lot number of bioMerieux BacT ALERT 3D blood culture bottles exhibited the established requirements for pH, sterility and growth performance. 2. The laboratory's IQCP states the media including BacT/Alert (BTA) Blood culture bottles need to be examined for obvious defects including: Cracked plate, Cracked agar, Unequal filling, Hemolysis, Freezing, Bubbles/pits, Contamination and Discoloration/cloudiness. 3. Interview with the laboratory General Supervisor on 8/6/2026 at 12:00 p.m. confirmed the laboratory did not check each new lot number or shipment of media and document physical characteristics for six of six lot numbers. 4. Review of laboratory records revealed 609 blood cultures were performed from 8/26/2025 through 8/7/2026. The following BacT/ALERT blood culture media lots were used during this period without documentation of examination for physical characteristics: a. FA Plus - 0004103828 expiration 11/24/2026 b. FA Plus - 0004103664 expiration 9/04/2026 c.

FA Plus - 0004104022 expiration 3/06/2027 d. FA Plus - 0004065042 expiration 3/31/2027 e. PF Plus - 0004104204 expiration 5/05/2027 f. FA Plus - 0004104194 expiration 4/28/2027