

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 28D0456028	(X3) Date Survey Completed 08/29/2018
Name of Provider or Supplier Howard County Medical Center	Street Address, City, State 1113 Sherman Street, Saint Paul, NE	
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
D6087	<p>LABORATORY DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1445(e)(3)(iii)</p> <p>The laboratory director must ensure that laboratory personnel are performing the test methods as required for accurate and reliable results.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of the laboratory procedure manual, review of tachometer readings and and interview with the general supervisor on 8/29/2018, the laboratory personnel failed to properly perform the preparation of urine sediment for microscopic examination. Findings are: 1. Review of the director approved textbook procedure for the preparation of urine sediment for microscopic examination stated to "centrifuge 12 ml of urine for 5.0 minutes at 1500 rpm (400 rcf)". 2. Review of the tachometer readings for the centrifuge being used for the preparation of urine sediment revealed a fixed rate centrifuge with the last tachometer verification performed on 6/18/2018 to be 3422 rpm. 3. Interview with the general supervisor confirmed the urines were being spun at this increased speed. The general supervisor stated the urine centrifuge quit working in July and they replaced it with a high speed centrifuge and were spinning the urines at this high rate of speed for 10 minutes.</p>