

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 32D0928452	(X3) Date Survey Completed 07/08/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier Belen Branch Laboratory	Street Address, City, State 609 S Christopher Rd, Belen, NM	
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	An onsite recertification survey conducted on July 8, 2026, at Belen Branch Laboratory found the laboratory to be not in compliance with the CLIA regulations found at 42 CFR, Part 493 Laboratory Requirements, with standard deficiencies cited.
D6046	TECHNICAL CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1413(b)(8) (b)(8) Evaluating the competency of all testing personnel and assuring that the staff maintain their competency to perform test procedures and report test results promptly, accurately and proficiently. The procedures for evaluation of the competency of the staff must include, but are not limited to-- This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview with the technical consultant, review of the laboratory's Direct Observation of Employee Working at Different CLIA License Number Different from Parent CLIA License Location Form, the Technical Consultant failed to ensure competency assessments were completed for one of four testing personnel in 2024 through July 2026. Findings Included: 1. During a laboratory tour on 07/08/2026 at 10:05 am, it was observed testing personnel 4 (TP4), not previously listed on the laboratory's CMS (Centers for Medicaid and Medicare) 209 personnel form, was performing testing. 2. During an interview on 07/08/2026 at 10:30 am the technical consultant stated TP4 is a trainer and rotates to the different branch facilities to help with testing if needed. 3. The laboratory was asked to provide documentation of competency assessments being performed for TP4 for the onsite location. The laboratory provided a form titled "Direct Observation of Employee Working at Different CLIA License Number Different from Parent CLIA License Location Form - BL" 4. A review of the Direct Observation of Employee Working at Different CLIA License Number Different from Parent CLIA License Location Form revealed it did not include the 6-criterion required for competency assessment. 5. During an interview on 07/08/2026 at 11:15 am the technical consultant stated TP4

did have competency assessments completed at the "Home Location" for the testing personnel, but not at the onsite location. 6. The laboratory reported performing 4,876 tests annually.