

<b>Statement of Deficiencies</b>	<b>(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number</b>  35D0408659	<b>(X3) Date Survey Completed</b>  01/10/2024
<b>Name of Provider or Supplier</b>  Towner County Medical Center	<b>Street Address, City, State</b>  228 1st Ave, Cando, ND	
For information on the provider's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the provider or the state survey agency.		

<b>(X4) ID Prefix Tag</b>	<b>Summary Statement of Deficiencies</b>
<b>D2016</b>	<p><b>SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION</b> 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 Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports review, American Association of Bioanalysts proficiency testing record review, and staff interview, the laboratory failed to achieve satisfactory performance in proficiency testing for the sub-specialty of bacteriology for two of three consecutive events in 2023 (Event 2 and Event 3), resulting in unsuccessful performance. (Refer to D2028)</p>
<b>D2028</b>	<p><b>BACTERIOLOGY</b> CFR(s): 493.823(e)</p>

Failure to achieve an overall testing event score of satisfactory performance for two consecutive testing events or two out of three consecutive testing events is unsuccessful performance.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:

Based on Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) review, proficiency testing record review, and staff interview, the laboratory failed to achieve satisfactory performance in proficiency testing for the sub-specialty of bacteriology in two of three consecutive events in 2023 (Event 2 and Event 3), resulting in unsuccessful performance. Findings include: 1. Review of CASPER Report 155D (individual laboratory proficiency testing scores) on 01/10/24 indicated the laboratory scored the following for the sub-specialty of bacteriology in 2023: Event 2 - 72% Event 3 - 77% 2. Review of 2023 American Association of Bioanalysts proficiency testing reports on 01/10/24 for the sub-specialty of bacteriology revealed the following results: Event 2-2023 - 74.3% Antimicrobial susceptibility - 20% Culture ID (identification): Misc (miscellaneous) Cultures - 100% Culture ID: Genital culture - 100% Culture ID: Throat Culture - 100% Culture ID: Urine Culture - 0% Event 3-2023 - 76.6% Antimicrobial susceptibility - 83% Culture ID: Misc Cultures - 100% Culture ID: Genital culture - 0% Culture ID: Throat Culture - 100% Culture ID: Urine Culture - 100% The sub-specialty of bacteriology requires a score of 80% or greater for satisfactory performance. 3. During a telephone interview at 10:58 a.m. on 01/10/24, the laboratory supervisor (#1) confirmed the laboratory had scored less than eighty percent in the sub-specialty of bacteriology for Event 2 and Event 3 in 2023.