

<b>Statement of Deficiencies</b>	<b>(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number</b>  41D0709206	<b>(X3) Date Survey Completed</b>  02/07/2019
<b>Name of Provider or Supplier</b>  Rhode Island State Health Laboratories	<b>Street Address, City, State</b>  50 Orms St, Providence, RI	
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>D6127</b>	<p><b>TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES</b> CFR(s): 493.1451(b)(9)</p> <p>The technical supervisor is responsible for evaluating and documenting the performance of individuals responsible for high complexity testing at least semiannually during the first year the individual tests patient specimens.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review of new employee competency assessment records and interviews with the Mycobacteriology Technical Supervisor (TS) and the Quality Assurance Manager, the laboratory failed to evaluate and document the competency of 1 out of 5 new testing personnel (TP) semi-annually during their first year performing high complexity testing. Findings include: 1. Record review conducted on 02/06/2019 of employee competency documentation of new TPs hired 2017, 2018, and 2019 revealed that 1 out of the 5 new TP was not evaluated semi-annually during their first year performing high complexity testing. The review revealed that TP1 was only given external proficiency test (PT) panels during their first 6 months testing patient samples. 2. Record review conducted on 02/06/2019 of the CLN-QA Quality Assurance Plan, Version 3, published on 03/28/2017 revealed that once a new employee is trained and performs successfully on an initial PT panel, the PT test panel is followed with a second PT test panel only. 3. Interviews conducted with the Mycobacteriology TS and Quality Assurance Manager on 02/06/2019 at 10:45 AM confirmed the above findings.</p>