

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 43D0407358	(X3) Date Survey Completed 12/06/2022
Name of Provider or Supplier Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital	Street Address, City, State 306 Prairie Ave Sw, De Smet, SD	
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	A recertification survey for compliance with 42 CFR Part 493, Requirements for Laboratories, was conducted on 12/6/22. Avera De Smet Memorial Hospital laboratory was found not in compliance with the following requirement: D6125.
D6125	<p>TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES CFR(s): 493.1451(b)(8)(v)</p> <p>The procedures for evaluation of the competency of the staff must include, but are not limited to assessment of test performance through testing previously analyzed specimens, internal blind testing samples or external proficiency testing samples.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on record review and interview, the technical supervisor failed to assess competency through the testing of blind samples or external proficiency samples in the areas of chemistry and microbiology for one of four testing personnel (testing personnel A) in 2022. Assessment of blind testing of specimens and/or external proficiency testing helps ensure competency of staff reporting patient test reports. Findings include: 1. Review of the laboratory staff's annual competency assessment records for testing personnel A revealed: *The annual competency assessment had been completed on the dates of 6/2/22, 6/16/22 and 6/23/22 and had been signed by testing personnel A and the laboratory director. *The competency assessment did not include the testing of blind samples or external proficiency testing for the areas of chemistry and microbiology. Review of the laboratory's Competency Assessment Program policy last revised on 7/1/08 revealed: *"Assessment of test performance through testing previously analyzed, internal blind, external proficiency samples." *"Section specific unknowns will be periodically prepared and administered." *"Monitor staff performance in the proficiency testing program through review of reports." Interview on 12/6/22 at 1:30 p.m. with testing personnel A revealed: *She confirmed she had not completed blind sample testing or external proficiency sample testing in the areas of chemistry and microbiology. *She confirmed that she had</p>

processed and reported patient testing in chemistry and microbiology in 2022. *She had been unaware the testing of blind samples or external proficiency specimens was required in the competency procedure. *They did not have a system for rotating proficiency testing between staff.