

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 44D2024172	(X3) Date Survey Completed 09/10/2025
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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
D5209	<p>PERSONNEL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT POLICIES CFR(s): 493.1235</p> <p>As specified in the personnel requirements in subpart M, the laboratory must establish and follow written policies and procedures to assess employee and, if applicable, consultant competency.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:</p> <p>. Based on a review of the submitted Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 209 form, laboratory's policy, personnel records, and staff interview, it was revealed the laboratory's policy failed to include semi-annual and annual competency evaluation as required in Subpart M of the State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix C and failed to have documentation of semi-annual and/or annual competency performed by the Laboratory Director/Technical Supervisor listed on the CMS 209 form for two of three testing personnel. Findings included: 1. A review of the submitted Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 209 form listed three testing personnel for high complexity testing. 2. A review of the laboratory's Quality Assurance Plan policy revealed that it failed to include semi-annual and annual competency assessments for testing personnel performing high-complexity testing. 3. A review of laboratory personnel records revealed the following: -No documented semi-annual competency or annual competency assessments by the Laboratory Director/Technical Supervisor listed on the CMS 209 form for testing personnel one (TP1) as listed on the CMS 209. -No documented annual competency assessment by the Laboratory Director/Technical Supervisor listed on the CMS 209 form for testing personnel two (TP2) as listed on the CMS 209. 4. An interview with the laboratory liaison on 09.10.2025 at 12:15 p.m. confirmed the above survey findings</p>