

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 47D0683984	(X3) Date Survey Completed 01/05/2024
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(X4) ID Prefix Tag	Summary Statement of Deficiencies
D2016	<p>SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION 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 record review and staff interview, the laboratory failed to successfully participate in a proficiency testing program for blood gas hydrogen concentration (pH), partial pressure of carbon dioxide (pCO₂) and partial pressure of oxygen (pO₂) analytes for events 2 and 3 in 2023. Refer to D2093 and D2096.</p>
D2093	<p>ROUTINE CHEMISTRY CFR(s): 493.841(d)</p> <p>Failure to return proficiency testing results to the proficiency testing program within</p>

the time frame specified by the program is unsatisfactory performance and results in a score of 0 for the testing event.

This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by:

Based on record review and staff interview, the laboratory (lab) failed to return blood gas hydrogen concentration (pH), partial pressure of carbon dioxide (pCO₂) and partial pressure of oxygen (pO₂) proficiency testing results to the Wisconsin State Laboratory for Hygiene (WSLH) before the due date for events 2 and 3 in 2023 resulting in unsatisfactory performance for both events. Findings include: 1. Review on 1/5/2024 of CASPER Report 0155D for the lab revealed it obtained 0% scores for pH, pCO₂, and pO₂ for WSLH events 2 and 3 in 2023. 2. Interview on 1/5/2024 at 8:45 a.m. with the Technical Supervisor confirmed the above scores and revealed the lab did not submit results to WSLH before the due date for each of those events.

D2096

ROUTINE CHEMISTRY

CFR(s): 493.841(f)

Failure to achieve satisfactory performance for the same analyte or test in 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 record review and staff interview, the laboratory (lab) failed to achieve satisfactory performance for blood gas hydrogen concentration (pH), partial pressure of carbon dioxide (pCO₂) and partial pressure of oxygen (pO₂) in two out of three proficiency testing events in 2023 resulting in unsuccessful performance. Findings include: 1. The laboratory obtained 0% scores for blood gas pH, pCO₂ and pO₂ in proficiency testing events 2 and 3 of 2023 resulting in two consecutive events with unsuccessful participation for these analytes. Refer to D2093. 2. Interview on 1/5/2024 at 8:45 a.m. with the Technical Supervisor confirmed the above finding.