

<b>Statement of Deficiencies</b>	<b>(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number</b>  51D0968213	<b>(X3) Date Survey Completed</b>  02/25/2026
<b>Name of Provider or Supplier</b>  Associated Specialists Inc	<b>Street Address, City, State</b>  527 Medical Park Drive, Suite 204, Bridgeport, WV	
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>D0000</b>	A routine recertification survey was conducted at Associated Specialists Inc. on February 25, 2026, by the West Virginia Office of Laboratory Services. The laboratory was assessed for compliance with the CLIA regulations under 42 CFR 493, Requirements for Laboratories. Specific deficient practices are cited and explained below.
<b>D5813</b>	<p>TEST REPORT CFR(s): 493.1291(g)</p> <p>(g) The laboratory must immediately alert the individual or entity requesting the test and, if applicable, the individual responsible for using the test results when any test result indicates an imminently life-threatening condition, or panic or alert values.</p> <p>This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on review of policies and procedures, patient final test reports from LabDaq laboratory information system (LIS), lack of documentation, interview with the technical consultant (TC1) and testing personnel (TP1), the laboratory failed to document the notification to the ordering providers for 15 of 32 panic (critical) results released in January and February 2026. Findings: 1. Review of "Policy: Critical Values" identified critical results for chemistry and hematology analytes and the process to document the notification to the ordering provider of the critical value. The laboratory director (LD) reviewed the procedure on 9/24/25. The policy states the following for critical values: a. Potassium results less than 3.0 mEq/L and greater than 5.5 mEq/L b. Glucose results less than 65 mg/dL and greater than 250 mg/dL c. White blood cell count (WBC) results less than 3.5 10*3/uL and greater than 15.0 10*3/uL d. Platelet results less than 90 10*3/uL and greater than 450 10*3/uL 2. Review of patient chemistry and hematology results from the CGM LABDAQ LIS (January 1,2026 thru date of survey) revealed 32 critical values released. TP1 could not locate documentation of the provider notification for the following 15 critical values: 1/13: patient 1 glucose 255 mg/dL 1/13: patient 2 WBC 3.2 10*3/uL 1/14: patient 3 platelet</p>

487.5  $10^3/uL$  1/14: patient 4 glucose 277 mg/dL 1/27: patient 5 glucose 314 mg/dL 1/29: patient 6 potassium 5.7 mEq/L 2/3: patient 7 glucose 61 mg/dL 2/6: patient 8 glucose 275 mg/dL 2/6: patient 9 glucose 312 mg/dL 2/6: patient 10 glucose 313 mg/dL 2/6: patient 11 platelet 483.1  $10^3/uL$  2/6: patient 12 WBC 3.4  $10^3/uL$  2/12: patient 13 glucose 288 mg/dL 2/12: patient 14 glucose 294 mg/dL 2/12: patient 15 glucose 268 mg/dL 3. An interview with TP1, 2/25/26 at 11:00 AM, verified the lack of provider notification for the 15 critical values released in January and February 2026. 4. An exit interview with TC1 and TP1, 2/25/26 at approximately 12:00 PM, confirmed the findings.