

Statement of Deficiencies	(X1) Provider/Supplier/CLIA Identification Number 53D0056312	(X3) Date Survey Completed 07/15/2026
Name of Provider or Supplier North Big Horn Hospital District	Street Address, City, State 1115 Lane 12, Lovell, WY	
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
D5555	IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY CFR(s): 493.1271(c)(f) (c) Blood and blood products storage. Blood and blood products must be stored under appropriate conditions that include an adequate temperature alarm system that is regularly inspected. (c)(1) An audible alarm system must monitor proper blood and blood product storage temperature over a 24-hour period. (c)(2) Inspections of the alarm system must be documented. This STANDARD is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, staff interview, review of the laboratory's immunohematology documentation, and policy and procedure review, the laboratory failed to ensure the audible alarm was inspected and functioning appropriately for 2 of 2 years (2025, 2026) reviewed. The findings were: 1. Observation on 7/15/26 at 7:45 AM showed the laboratory had a blood product storage refrigerator with packed red blood cells available for patient use. In addition, the laboratory had a blood product storage freezer with fresh frozen plasma available for patient use. The temperatures of the blood storage units were monitored manually and by a remote system. 2. Review of the Blood Bank Refrigerator Alarm Check log sheet showed the alarm checks were completed on 1/8/25, 4/17/25, and 7/20/25. There was no further documentation. 3. Review of the Blood Bank Freezer Alarm Check log sheet showed an alarm check was completed on 4/27/25. There was no further documentation. 4. Interview with testing personnel #1 on 7/15/26 at 3:33 PM confirmed the alarm checks on the blood product storage units had not been completed as required. 5. Review of the "BLOOD BANK REFRIGERATOR REMOTE ALRMA (sic) CHECKS" policy, issued on 5/3/04 and reviewed on 1/2/25, showed "It is the policy of North Big Horn Hospital Laboratory to use the following procedure to check the Blood Bank internal and external alarm system on a monthly basis the first year and quarterly thereafter...The alarm on the blood-storage refrigerator and the remote alarms should be checked periodically to assure proper functioning of both units. Quarterly intervals are

appropriate if both units have been without problems. The high and low temperatures of activation must be checked and the results recorded."