

***§493.1236 Standard: Evaluation of proficiency testing performance***

**(b)(2) Any analyte, specialty or subspecialty assigned a proficiency testing score that does not reflect laboratory test performance (that is, when the proficiency testing program does not obtain the agreement required for scoring as specified in subpart I of this part, or the laboratory receives a zero score for nonparticipation, or late return or results).**

***Interpretive* Guidelines §493.1236(b)(2)**

The laboratory must have a mechanism for routine review of its proficiency testing results that are evaluated by its PT providers. This includes a review of its actual PT results against the PT provider's participant summary results for the particular PT event and when any of the following occur:

- The PT program assigned an artificial score of 100% (e.g., results not evaluated or scored);
- A zero score for nonparticipation; if the laboratory did not test the specimen, it must document what other means were used to assess the accuracy of the test for the PT event that was missed; or
- The PT provider notifies the laboratory that its results were not evaluated (given a score of "0") due to missing the return deadline.

**Probes §493.1236(b)(2)**

Has the laboratory reviewed its test menu to determine if it tests any analyte(s) that are not listed in subpart I?

**§493.1236(c) At least twice annually, the laboratory must verify the accuracy of the following:**