

**§493.1413 Standard; Technical consultant responsibilities**

**(b)(8) Evaluating the competency of all testing personnel and assuring that the staff maintain their competency to perform test procedures and report test results promptly, accurately and proficiently. The procedures for evaluation of the competency of the staff must include, but are not limited to--**

All testing personnel must be listed on the CMS Form 209 and must undergo documented competency assessment. The technical consultant/supervisor is responsible for assessing the competency of the testing personnel, and the 6 competency assessment criteria are found under the technical consultant/supervisor responsibilities. Depending on the situation, non-compliance can be cited at General Laboratory Systems (D5209/§493.1235), laboratory director (D6030/§493.1407 or D6103/§493.1445, or technical consultant/supervisor (D6046-D6055/§493.1413(b)(8)-§493.1413(b)(9)).

**Probes §493.1413(b)(8)**

What mechanism is used to ensure that testing personnel are following the laboratory's policies and procedures?

Evaluations of technical and clinical consultants' performance is located at §493.1235 - Personnel Competency Assessment Policies and §§493.1239(a)-(b) - General Laboratory Systems Assessment.