To cite deficient practice at F 771, the surveyor's investigation will generally show that the facility failed to:

- Provide transfusion services in accordance with the requirements for laboratories specified in part §493 to meet the needs of the residents.

§483.50(a)(1)

(iii) If the laboratory chooses to refer specimens for testing to another laboratory, the referral laboratory must be certified in the appropriate specialties and subspecialties of services in accordance with the requirements of part 493 of this chapter.

There is no Tag for §483.50(a)(1)(iii). Nursing home surveyors should not attempt to determine compliance with the requirements in 42 CFR part §493 but should refer questions or concerns to the State Agency or CMS *Location* for appropriate follow-up by CLIA surveyors.

F772

(Rev. 229; Issued: 04-25-25; Effective: 04-25-25; Implementation: 04-28-25)

§483.50(a)(1) The facility must provide or obtain laboratory services to meet the needs of its residents. The facility is responsible for the quality and timeliness of the services.

(iv) If the facility does not provide laboratory services on site, it must have an agreement to obtain these services from a laboratory that meets the applicable requirements of part 493 of this chapter.

GUIDANCE §483.50(a)(1)(iv)

If the facility does not provide laboratory services on site, it must have a written agreement to provide services from a laboratory which meets the requirements of 42 CFR part §493.

Nursing home surveyors should not attempt to determine compliance with the requirements in 42 CFR part §493 but should refer questions or concerns to the State Agency or CMS *Location* for appropriate follow-up by CLIA surveyors. If verified by CLIA surveyors that requirements in part §493 were not met cite a deficiency under this Tag, F772.

F773

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Nursing home surveyors should not evaluate compliance with the requirements in 42 CFR part §493. Questions or concerns must be referred to State Agency or Regional Office CLIA surveyors to determine whether or not the nursing home provided transfusion services in accordance with the requirements for specified in part §493. If it is verified by State Agency or CMS *Location* CLIA surveyors that requirements in part 493 were not met cite a deficiency under this Tag F771.

The facility must have procedures for preventing transfusion reactions and promptly identify, investigate, and report blood and blood product transfusion reactions to the laboratory that provided the blood or blood products and as appropriate, to Federal and State authorities.

If the facility provides transfusion services, determine whether they have policies, procedures, and protocols for:

(a) Transfusion processes that include adverse reaction identification and corrective actions to be taken;

(b) Investigating all transfusion reactions; and

(c) Reporting all transfusion reactions to the appropriate officials and agencies.

Review the facility's procedures to ensure their process includes the positive identification of the blood or blood components to be transfused into the intended recipient.

If a facility has not established policies as referenced above **do not** cite here but cite under §483.70(d) Governing body, F837. Also consider requirements at §483.70(*g*) Medical director, F841 for the responsibility to implement resident care policies.

If a transfusion will be performed during the survey, observe the transfusion preparation process. Observe to determine whether or not a positive recipient verification and a second independent recipient verification were conducted prior to the initiation of the transfusion. If a surveyor has reason to suspect a resident is having an adverse reaction to a transfusion or the transfusion itself is not being properly administered, the surveyor shall immediately notify the facility Director of Nursing and the facility administrator.

Assure that blood and blood components are stored in a clean and orderly environment which ensures the integrity of the component. Whole blood, red blood cells, and thawed plasma shall be stored in accordance with §493.1103(c). If there are questions or concerns, consult with CLIA surveyors. If blood and blood components are not stored to ensure the integrity of these components do not cite here, cite under §483.45(h) - Storage of drugs and biologicals.

KEY ELEMENTS OF NONCOMPLIANCE