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## 42 C.F.R. § 493.931

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### Routine chemistry.

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(a) *Program content and frequency of challenge.* To be approved for proficiency testing for routine chemistry, a program must provide a minimum of five samples per testing event. There must be at least three testing events at approximately equal intervals per year. The annual program must provide samples that cover the clinically relevant range of values that would be expected in patient specimens. The specimens may be provided through mailed shipments or, at HHS' option, may be provided to HHS or its designee for on-site testing.

(b) *Challenges per testing event.* The minimum number of challenges per testing event a program must provide for each analyte or test procedure listed below is five serum, plasma or blood samples.

#### Analyte or Test Procedure

Alanine aminotransferase (ALT/SGPT)

Albumin

Alkaline phosphatase

Amylase

Aspartate aminotransferase (AST/SGOT)

Bilirubin, total

Blood gas (pH, pO<sub>2</sub>, and pCO<sub>2</sub>)

Calcium, total

Chloride

Cholesterol, total

Cholesterol, high density lipoprotein

Creatine kinase

Creatine kinase, isoenzymes

Creatinine

Glucose (Excluding measurements on devices cleared by FDA for home use)

Iron, total

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Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)

LDH isoenzymes

Magnesium

Potassium

Sodium

Total Protein

Triglycerides

Urea Nitrogen

Uric Acid

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