

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA alarmed at number of senior managers on suspension compromising service delivery at Mpumalanga Health facilities
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is worried about the ongoing suspension of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and senior managers at various healthcare institutions in Mpumalanga and the impact on service delivery.

Currently, 14 CEOs and managers remain suspended by the Mpumalanga Department of Health. These prolonged suspensions, some of which have been ongoing since 2022, are severely impacting service delivery across affected institutions. In several cases, suspended managers were either placed in alternative positions without any assigned responsibilities or left at home, despite investigations into their conduct having been concluded. These investigations were reportedly conducted by a law firm that has since been deregistered and struck from the roll of legal practitioners in South Africa. The PSA has furthermore been informed that certain managers were cleared of any wrongdoing. However, they are still not been permitted to return to their positions. As a result, they continue to receive full salaries without rendering any service, an untenable situation that undermines public service efficiency and morale.

This mismanagement affects the well-being of employees and cripples' leadership structures at healthcare facilities, compromising the quality of healthcare services provided to communities. The PSA urges the Mpumalanga Department of Health and the Office of the Premier to intervene urgently. Immediate action is required to address these inefficiencies, restore accountability, and ensure that service delivery at hospitals and clinics in Mpumalanga is no longer held hostage by prolonged unresolved labour disputes.

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