

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA shocked that Free State Department of Education's non-payment of medical aid contributions will place employees' benefits at risk
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is shocked and deeply concerned about the non-compliance with obligations towards employees by the Free State Provincial Department of Education, which has become a persistent pattern with this Department.

The latest incident involves the Department's failure to pay outstanding contributions to the Government Employees Medical Scheme on behalf of its employees. This is unacceptable and puts members' benefits at risk.

The PSA has taken immediate action and sent urgent correspondence to the Office of the Premier, the Member of the Executive Council, and the Head of Department of the Free State Department of Education, demanding that they intervene to rectify the situation.

The PSA trusts that the Premier will intervene with the same urgency she showed when addressing issues at the Free State Department of Public Works and holding those responsible accountable. The PSA expects the Department to take immediate action to settle the outstanding contributions and ensure that members' benefits are protected.

The PSA reserves the right to approach the court to compel the Department to comply with its obligations and hold those responsible for the non-compliance personally liable. The PSA will not tolerate any further mismanagement of public funds and will take all necessary steps to protect the interests of the Union's members.

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