

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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COVID-19: Recall from lockdown and contract extension of Community Workers in response to national call to embark on mass household screening

Members will recall that the Limpopo Department of Health issued a Memo to Recall (from lockdown) and activation of Community Health Workers/Community Care Givers/Home-Based Care Workers/Mother Mentors/People Living with HIV/Lay Counsellors to respond to a national call to embark on mass household screenings for COVID-19. The Memo also indicates the renewal of contracts for a period of 12 months with effect of 1 April 2020, requesting resumption of duties on 6 April 2020. Signing of contracts would be concluded on 7 April 2020 with capturing on PERSAL to be completed before or on 14 April 2020.

It was discovered that although Treasury approved that contracts be renewed for 12 months, there is inconsistency amongst Districts. Some Districts extended employees' contracts for only six months whilst others are extending the contracts for 12 months. This created confusion amongst employees who are issued with different contracts leading to some refusing to sign the contract.

The PSA will engage the employer to establish the reasons for the inconsistency and deviation from Treasury approval. This indiscretion cannot be left unchallenged and the employer should note that the use of surplus funds for any other reason could be in contravention of the *PFMA*.

The PSA requests members who were given six-month contracts to submit their names as follows:

Vhembe and Mopani Districts: Lawrence Muvhango – 082 880 8995 and Prince Ramukhithi - 079 031 8227; and all other Districts: Paulina Moloto – 082 880 8957.

GENERAL MANAGER