



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GAUTENG**

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## Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS): **CALL TO ACTION!**

The PSA calls on all members and public servants to take a stand against the unaffordable 9.8% GEMS medical-aid increase and the continued erosion of members' benefits. These increases directly affect take-home pay, household budgets, school fees, transport costs, groceries, and the basic cost of living. Healthcare costs cannot be allowed to push families deeper into financial strain.

### **Picket against GEMS increases**

**Date:** Saturday, 21 February 2026

**Time:** 09:00

**Gathering point: SAOU Office, 278 Serene Street, Garsfontein, Pretoria**

**Picket location: GEMS Office, Vutomi House, 124 Mercy Avenue, Menlyn Maine Precinct, Pretoria**

### **The message is clear:**

- NO to medical-aid increases that hurt working families!
- Healthcare must not come at the expense of children's future!
- Defend workers' bread-and-butter issues!

This increase comes at a time when workers are already battling escalating living costs. Every additional deduction means less money for essentials. Silence will not protect salaries - collective action will. The PSA encourages all members to join the peaceful picket and make their voices heard.

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