



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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