



FOR PSA MEMBERS: **GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (GDOH)**

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## Update: Gauteng Department of Health

It has come to the PSA's attention that the Gauteng Department of Health has yet to appoint a service provider for the procurement of oral contraceptives in and around Gauteng. During the budget speech in February 2026, the Health budget was reported to have grown to R310 billion for 2026/27, representing a 5% increase aimed at maintaining services and supporting provincial health departments. The severe shortage of oral contraceptives across Gauteng Health facilities comes as an appalling shock to the PSA, as this is a direct result of a lack of accountability that may have far-reaching consequences for communities. Oral contraceptives are not only used for pregnancy prevention but also to treat various other medical conditions.

The Department of Health recently issued a statement condemning the high rate of teenage pregnancy, with Gauteng Province reporting a rate of 8.2% based on 2024 to 2026 data. The PSA is concerned that this percentage is likely to increase because of the shortage of oral contraceptives in the Province and calls on the Department of Health to take urgent action and accountability. The PSA further calls for the responsible expenditure of allocated funds to ensure these are used for the intended purpose and at the appropriate time, thereby preventing wasteful and frivolous expenditure of state funds.

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