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ACTING HEALTH MEC MAMABOLO DIRECTS DEPARTMENT TO RESOLVE CONTRACTS THAT ARE EXTENDED ON MONTH TO MONTH BASIS

The Gauteng Acting MEC for Heath, Jacob Mamabolo has raised a concern around contracts that are extended on a month to month basis by the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH).

MEC Mamabolo has since directed the Department to resolve the outstanding contracts and explore an option of insourcing services where possible.

There are presently eight contracts that are due for renewal and are currently being renewed on a month to month basis whilst a process to re-advertise the tenders is underway. These includes waste management, security services and recovery of self-paying debtors and patient identification and verification contracts.

“Some of the contracts have been due for over four years. Extending these contracts on a month to month basis for such a long time is unacceptable. The management of the Department has to get this situation resolved as a matter of urgency,” said MEC Mamabolo.

The processes to get month to month contracts on permanent basis are as follows:

- Waste Management - The Department is in the process of re-advertising the tender.
- Security Services – The process to advertise is underway.
- Recovery of self-paying debtors - The process to advertise the tender is underway.
- Patient identification and verification - The process to advertise the tender is underway.
- Management of injury on duty claims (IOD) - The contract is currently on a month to month pending the finalization of the participation to Free State Government tender process.

MEC Mamabolo reiterated the importance of finalizing the process as soon as possible, "The security contracts for our hospitals and clinics are critical in ensuring the safety of our patients and employees while the removal and management of medical waste is of paramount importance, hence the need to get certainty around these contracts."

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