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MEDIA STATEMENT

**TO: All Media
ATT: News Editors, Health Reporters
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GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HELPED 21 MILLION PATIENTS IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR

SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS IN THE FACILITIES

In the last financial year, the Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) had over 21million patients that were seen in various facilities across the province, and of this number 0.057% were serious adverse incidents.

In the first quarter (1 April-30 June 2019) of this current financial year, already over 1. 6million patients were seen in Gauteng public health facilities, and 0.0016% of those cases resulted in serious adverse events.

Serious adverse cases identified in any of the facilities are reported within 24 hours of occurrence, investigated immediately and then presented to the facility patient safety incident committee. The case is then presented at the mortality and morbidity meeting for clinical review depending on the severity of each case, this is done in order to identify gaps in patient care and develop a quality improvement plan.

The finalized cases which are of serious nature and those that have potential for litigation are then presented to the Patient Safety Committee (PSI) which in turn present the cases to the Provincial Patient Safety and Medico-legal Committee that decide on how to proceed with each case.

MEC, Dr Bandile Masuku will continue with his visits to various facilities across the province. These visits provide morale support to staff and assists the MEC and his team to understand first-hand the challenges faced in facilities.

FILLING OF VACANCIES

On the 18th August 2019 fourteen Chief Executive Officer (CEO) posts were advertised for the following hospitals; Tambo Memorial Hospital, Jubilee Hospital, Far East Rand Hospital, Mamelodi Hospital, Brokonspruit Hospital, Heidelberg Hospital, Weskoppies Hospital, Sebokeng Hospital, Pholosong Hospital, Edenvale Hospital, Bertha Gxowa Hospital, Cullinan Care and Rehab Centre, and Odi Hospital. As part of resolving the challenges in the GDoH, MEC Masuku made a commitment to ensure that all senior management posts are filled when he assumed office. There is an ongoing recruitment process for other critical posts in the department, some posts have already been re-advertised in order to ensure the best candidates are recruited.

Stabilising the management and leadership will go a long in ensuring that the key commitments for health in Gauteng as outlined in the State of the Province Address (SOPA) are achieved.

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