

Department of Health Plays Hide and Seek

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Why does the Department of Health (DoH) like to drag its legs when it comes to Community Healthcare Workers (CHWs)? The DoH has failed to provide CHWs around Gauteng with appointment letters or payslips.

Gauteng CHWs have been waiting for appointment letters and payslips with no luck.

Workers who visit Health Department offices to get printouts of play slips are turned away.

People who are still receiving South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) grants continue to receive it because there is proof from the Department of Health that they are permanent healthcare workers. If SASSA demands that all CHWs who have received grants should pay back the money, whose fault is that?

Covid-19 survivors can't claim Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA) because it bounces back because no play slip is attached. The DOH has failed to provide the rightful documents to CHWs meaning they cannot claim anything.

It has been five months of no payslips or appointment letters. CHWs are permanent and the DOH is failing its carers. It is not taking CHWs seriously while CHWs are playing a big role in our communities during this pandemic.

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