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## **Massive applause for the top-performing KZN Ideal Clinics**

MORE residents of KwaZulu-Natal are set to reap the benefits of the National Health Insurance programme, including being served by clinics that open on time, have friendly staff, adequate medical supplies and good infrastructure.

This, as more health facilities across the province conform to the standards of the Ideal Clinics monitoring system.

This emerged as KwaZulu-Natal Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo was visiting 10 clinics in Amajuba district (Newcastle) which have attained gold status after being assessed by the Office of Health Standards and Compliance.

MEC Dhlomo, who is the political champion of Amajuba, is going around the district, inspecting the health facilities, congratulating and thanking staff and management for a job well done. He is also urging them to maintain the high standards that they have set in the delivery of healthcare services - to the benefit of the communities.

The Ideal Clinic programme was initiated by the South African National Department of Health (NDoH) in July 2013, in order to systematically improve Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities and the quality of care that they provide.

An Ideal Clinic is defined as a clinic that, among others, opens on time and may not close until all health care users have been attended to; has good infrastructure; adequate staff; good staff attitudes; adequate medicine and supplies; and good administrative processes. It uses applicable clinical policies; protocols and guidelines; and it harnesses partner and stakeholder support.

Ideal Clinics also collaborate with other government departments, the private sector and non-governmental organisations to address the social determinants of health.

All these elements contribute to ensure the provision of good-quality health services to the community.

Speaking at Amajuba District today( 4 July 2016), MEC Dhlomo said: “We are here to congratulate the staff and management on the good work that they have done. These are people working in rural areas, who face a number of unique challenges. But every day they work tirelessly to overcome those challenges, and now they have achieved gold status. The Department is extremely proud of their efforts. The challenge now is for them to ensure that they continue doing well, so that they can maintain the high standards that they have set for themselves.”

Tomorrow, MEC Dhlomo will officially open the Verdriet Clinic in Amajuba District, which has also achieved gold status.

MEC Dhlomo was also due to visit Madadeni hospital where a Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) camp has been set up. At least 100 boys and young men are due to undergo the life-saving MMC procedures.

MEC Dhlomo is encouraging all boys and young men to use the school holidays as an opportunity to be medically circumcised at identified clinics, schools and community halls.



*KZN Health MEC, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, is flanked by Amajuba District Manager, Ms Mamosa Tshabalala and Head of the KZN Health Ministry, Mr Bheki Nzimande, during a visit to Groenvlei Clinic in Amajuba District. Pictures by Themba Mngomezulu*

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