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Media Statement

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SAEPU TO MEET WITH HPCSA BOARD MEMBERS OVER FEES INCREASE

The South African Emergency Personnel's Union will be meeting with the management of Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) on the 29th March 2018 at HPCSA offices in Pretoria.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss HPCSA's announcement that it will increase its fees as from the 01st April 2018. The announcement offended the leadership of Saepu and its members as the council is somehow running a business and its target market seem to be EMS workers.

We don't and wish to understand HPCSA's mission to increase the fees every year even though we have send a clear message to them to say we are uncomfortable with the increase. Last year on the 20th March Saepu marched (HPCSAFeesMustFallMarch) to the council's offices demanding that they reduce the fees, however we are surprised as they announced another increment in a short period of time.

The announcement is a clear message to us that the council is undermining our union because they didn't bother to engage with us though we have raised our concern with regard to fees increment.

HPCSA must suspend the increment until we get clarity and solid reasons as to why they so keen to increase the fees every year as this is a day light robbery. We tried our best to bring Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi to intervene but he failed. We assume that he support this day light robbery mechanism by the council especially the poor.

The media is invited to cover and report the event.

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