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KZN GETS NEW HEALTH MEC

Ms Peggy Nkonyeni has been appointed the new MEC for Health in KwaZulu-Natal. A surprised Nkonyeni has pledged to step up the rollout of ARV's at health care facilities, especially in rural areas. Top of her list of priorities is also to curb the exodus of medical personnel to overseas countries. The mother of three replaces Dr Zweli Mkhize who has now been appointed MEC for Finance and Economic Development. The reshuffle of the cabinet was triggered by the untimely death of Housing MEC Mr. Dumisane Makhaye.

Ms Nkonyeni has been serving the Chair of Chairs in the KwaZulu-Natal legislature.

She was born in 1961 at Oshabeni in Port Shepstone and she is qualified teacher. She says she does not find the task of heading the health department daunting as she regards herself as a fast learner, a team player and a hard worker.

Further, she says her work in parliament has exposed her to the plight of poor people and she welcomes the opportunity to make a difference and to play her role in fulfilling the peoples' contract.

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Former Health MEC, Dr Mkhize said he is going to make sure that there is a smooth transition to the new political head and has pledged his support.

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