

Cape Health MEC warns against cost of new health-care plan – IOL News 31 July 2019

Western Cape Health MEC Professor Nomafrench Mbombo has warned against the cost implications of the recently signed Presidential Health Compact. Picture: Tracey Adams/African News Agency(ANA)

Cape Town - Health MEC Professor Nomafrench Mbombo has warned against the cost implications of the Presidential Health Compact signed by President Cyril Ramaphosa last week.

Mbombo said more money will have to be allocated to make the plans a reality.

“Health departments countrywide face major challenges, largely due to the increasing burden of disease, and reduced budgets,” she said.

“Provincial budgets have been decreased by R9 billion over the past three years.

“And even if budgets appear to increase on paper, they are shrinking in real terms due to above-inflation wage increases for staff and medical inflation, which is 3% higher than general inflation. Above-inflations wage increases are not provided for.