EC Health Dept to provide private wards for initiates

Eastern Cape Health MEC, Ms Pemmy Majodina has announced that her department is going to provide private wards in hospitals to accommodate initiates who are admitted to hospitals due to botched circumcisions. MEC Majodina said this while addressing 4000 Lady Frere residents who are attending the National Council of Provinces Parliamentary seating in the Chris Hani District Municipality.

Said MEC Majodina: “We can no longer mix the people who are coming from circumcision schools with those that have not gone to the circumcision schools in our hospitals due to certain complications. We want to separate them, give dignity and uphold the customs and cultures of our people.

MEC Majodina said the mandate of her department was to save the lives of people, as such her department could no longer afford any deaths during the circumcision period. “The young people who undergo circumcision are the future of this province and if we want to grow the economy of this province, we need to make sure that they return from the circumcision schools healthy.”

Over the next few weeks hundreds of young boys throughout the Eastern Cape are expected to flock to circumcision schools to seek passage to manhood.

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