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**SELECT AND
STANDING
COMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS:**

**COMMENTS ON THE
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Cape Town

Differentiated approach in the funding of municipal health services

- The 2018/2019 Municipal health services Audit conducted by SALGA has highlighted challenges some of which could be contributing to the current situation.
- Municipal health services is not receiving priority when it comes to allocation of budget as compared to other municipal services yet is an essential service which could lead to loss of life and burden of diseases if not rendered
- The current equitable share allocation to district and metropolitan municipalities for municipal Health and related services is R 9.31 per household per month, not much of this allocation get transferred to municipalities given the revenue adjustment factor.
- The current local government equitable share allocation for municipal health services allows for the allocation to be channeled to other services.
- The National Environmental Health Policy (2003) and WHO guidelines provides for the appointment of at least 1(one) Environmental Health Practitioner for every ten thousands population (1:10 000) for provision of environmental health services or municipal health services in the case of local government
- Municipal Health Services staffing at local government currently has a backlog of approximately 70% which impact negatively in the delivery.
- SALGA hereby proposes a differentiated approach in the funding of municipal health services. The approach should include the review of the revenue adjustment factor on municipal health services equitable share allocation and also promote improved budgeting for municipal health services by municipalities.



Thank you