

Chronic medication collection model showing results

A model to facilitate a better chronic medication dispensing in the North West Province is producing positive results.

The Central Chronic Medication Distribution and Delivery (CCMDD) model is aimed at reducing the cost of accessing free healthcare, says health MEC Magome Masike.

Patients on chronic medication in the province are able to collect their medication at their nearest pharmacy, general practitioner and supermarkets like Shoprite.



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“The model will help reduce long queues at our health facilities, generally caused by people collecting chronic medication. We are happy that our people understand and have welcomed the new changes,” says Masike.

The department says the headcount for chronic patients collecting medication at health facilities has dropped, with more patients electing to collect medication at convenient pickup points at no cost to the patient.

“Since the inception of the CCMDD model, a sizable number of dispensary points have been established across the province and are dispensing medication to over 80,000 chronic patients.

“Chronic patients, who are interested in collecting medication at a convenient pick-up point, need to register to collect the

same medication previously collected at a health facility.

“Once the registration process is complete, a patient will receive a SMS to collect medication from the chosen pick-up point. Patients will have to go back to the health facility after six months for a check-up and a new prescription,” said the department.

However, the department said patients are free to visit a health facility should they have a health problem at any time.

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