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The Eastern Cape MEC for Health, Ntandokazi Capa, has called on law enforcement to act swiftly following a hijacking incident that took place at New Brighton Clinic.

According to preliminary reports, armed assailants accosted the delivery team at gunpoint and fled with a private bakkie transporting Central Chronic Medicine Dispensing and Distribution (CCMDD) packs. Fortunately, no staff members or patients were injured during the incident.

The South African Police Service has been alerted and is investigating the matter. The Department is working closely with law enforcement to ensure that the stolen vehicle and medication are recovered, and that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

The MEC urges communities to play an active role in protecting clinics and healthcare resources, stressing that facilities and medicines belong to the people they serve. She emphasised that communities must treat these services as their own by standing against criminal acts, cooperating with authorities, and ensuring that criminals do not find refuge among them. Safeguarding healthcare delivery, she added, is a shared responsibility that requires both government and community partnership.

The MEC has further engaged the MEC of Community Safety, Xolile Nqatha, to ensure that matters of this nature receive urgent attention from law enforcement and that stronger security measures are explored to protect healthcare services across the province.

The Department assures patients that contingency plans are being implemented to minimise disruptions at New Brighton Clinic and ensure continuity of services.

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