

Belmonte urges senior citizens in QC to avail themselves of free medicines

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte is inviting all senior citizens who are city residents to avail themselves of free maintenance medicines through the relaunched Senior Citizens Maintenance Medicine Program under City Ordinance 2892-2019.



In a statement on Wednesday, Belmonte said the city government will regularly distribute the free maintenance medicines every first Tuesday of the month, which was designated as Senior Citizen's Day in the city.

“Iniimbitahan po namin ang ating senior citizens na may high blood, mataas ang cholesterol at may diabetes na magparehistro o irehistro na ng kanilang mga kamag-anak para mabigyan ng libreng gamot tuwing unang Martes ng bawat buwan [We are inviting our senior citizens suffering from high blood, high cholesterol, and diabetes to register, or be registered by their relatives so they can avail themselves of the free medicines every first Tuesday's of the month],” Belmonte said.

“Mahalaga po na kayo ay masuri ng doktor at regular ang pag-inom ninyo ng gamot para mas humaba ang inyong buhay at makapiling ang inyong pamilya [it is very important that you are checked by a doctor and that you regularly take your prescribed medicines for you to live a long life and be with your loved ones],” she added.

On Tuesday, the city government distributed free maintenance medicines and vitamins to a total of 1,343 elderlies who went to the Toro Hills Health Center in Barangay Bahay Toro to avail themselves of the program.

Among the maintenance medicines that were distributed include Losartan and Amlodipine for hypertension, Metformin for diabetes, and Simvastatin for people suffering from high cholesterol.

Before they were given the medicines, the senior citizens underwent a check-up by doctors at the site.

They were registered for the program and were given medical prescriptions and free medicines.

The free maintenance medicines are now also available in the city's 65 health centers and can be claimed by registered elderlies every first Tuesday of the month.

Senior citizens must register at their nearest health center listed at <https://quezoncity.gov.ph/covid19-watch/hospitals-and-healthcenters-directory/>

They must also bring with them their senior citizen identification and medical prescriptions when going to the health centers.