

QC Congress bet pledges to push free meds policy

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QUEZON City councilor and congressional aspirant **Patrick Michael Vargas**, vows to expand and institutionalize the government's free medicines program for poor families in all government hospitals nationwide.

"Dahil sa epektibong tulong na hatid ng libreng gamot para sa mga mahihirap, kailangan nating siguraduhin na mas maraming Pilipino pa ang magkaroon ng access sa programang ito," Vargas said.

The Libreng Gamot Para sa Masa Program (LINGAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) was launched in March 2017 in six hospitals nationwide to provide indigents free access to prescription medicines.

As of June 2018, the program has covered 29 hospitals nationwide, and has served 64,778 indigent patients.

A bill providing free medicine for the poor filed by Rep. Alfred Vargas, is pending in Congress. Alfred is a brother of Patrick Michael.

"Hangad natin na mas matulungan pa ang mga mahihirap nating kababayan, lalo na sa ating Distrito sa Quezon City.

Ipapanalo natin ang libre at dekalidad na serbisyong pangkalusugan para sa pamilyang Pilipino," Vargas said.