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Solon to DOH: Plan rehab center upgrade

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QUEZON City **Rep. Marvin Rillo** on Sunday called on the Department of Health (DOH) to submit to Congress a comprehensive plan to upgrade public residential drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation centers (DATRCs), amid reports of overcrowding and that individuals seeking admission are placed on a waitlist.

“We would urge the DOH to prepare a more aggressive plan to augment the number of beds in existing DATRCs so that funding may be included in the 2025 national budget,” he said in a statement.

“If we want to succeed in suppressing the demand side of our illegal drug problem, we have to improve public access to DATRC services,” he added.

Under the law, a drug dependent may, by himself/herself, or through his/her parent, spouse, guardian or relative within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity, voluntarily seek admission to a DOH-run DATRC.