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# QC rolls out new healthcare facility as EAMC extension

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QUEZON City has a new ambulatory healthcare facility which provides comprehensive free health services to the public, set up in collaboration with Speaker Martin Romualdez, Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte, the Department of Health (DOH), the East Avenue Medical Center (EAMC), and Passion Healthcare Philippines Inc.

Quezon City Rep. Marvin Rillo and EAMC) chief Dr. Alfonso Nuñez III on Saturday led the inauguration of the Rillo-Romualdez Ambulatory Care Center that offers free clinical consultations, endoscopy, ultrasound, and other diagnostic services, as well as free laboratory tests.

The newly opened facility, located in the MC Rillo Building in Barangay Mariana, Quezon City, also provides free hemodialysis treatment for patients with end-stage kidney disease, free minor surgeries, and free eye examinations, along with eyeglasses free of charge.

Additionally, the center has its own pharmacy that dispenses free medicines.

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“We have established an augmentation hospital for the EAMC here,” Rillo said.

“The EAMC now has the option to refer individuals seeking medical treatment to our ambulatory care center, or patients can come directly to us for free diagnostic and treatment services,” he added.

The EAMC is currently experiencing a very high patient load, including outpatient cases, which prompts some patients seeking medical treatment to wait for long hours before being accommodated, he noted.

The EAMC is a government-owned tertiary general hospital and the leading public healthcare provider in Quezon City.

Three years ago, Congress enacted a law that raised the EAMC’s authorized bed capacity from 600 to 1,000 beds to accommodate the growing number of patients seeking treatment.