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QC opens 2nd city-operated dialysis center

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The Quezon City government has opened its second dialysis center at the Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital (RMBGH) in Batasan Hills.

“Chronic kidney disease is a growing public concern in the country. We hope that by opening this dialysis center and bringing our healthcare services closer to our people, no resident will have to choose between their wellbeing and their livelihood,” Mayor Joy Belmonte said in a statement yesterday.

“Instead of enduring long waiting times in state hospitals or spending large amounts in private facilities, QCitizens now have access to quality dialysis treatment that is closer to home,” Belmonte added.

The new facility is the second cityoperated dialysis center, after the one at the Quezon City General Hospital. Both QCGH and RMBGH are local government hospitals.

According to the city government, the RMBGH Dialysis Center was established through a funding allocation of P8.5 million appropriated through the efforts of QC District 2 Rep. Ralph Tulfo.

To qualify for treatment, patients must submit an endorsement from a nephrologist, a Hepa profile valid for at least six months, last three treatment sheets and a set of laboratory results.

“They must also present a list of medications, a clinical abstract and a vaccination record, among others. A valid PhilHealth membership ID number is also required,” the city government added.

The facility is open from Monday to Saturday and can serve up to nine patients per day. The service is free for eligible patients through the expanded PhilHealth Dialysis Package.