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ORDINANCE NO. SP-_____, S-2025

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PHARMACY-ON-WHEELS PROGRAM
 TO EQUITABLY ENHANCE THE ACCESS OF MARGINALIZED AND
 VULNERABLE QCITIZENS TO QUALITY MEDICINES, PROVIDING GUIDELINES
 FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Introduced by Councilor ALFRED VARGAS, MPA

WHEREAS, everyone is entitled to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health of health conducive to living a life with dignity and the realization of the right to health may be pursued through numerous, complementary approaches;

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, to protect and promote the right to health, it is essential that health facilities, goods, and services be made available, accessible, and affordable to those who need them;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Constitution mandates that "[t]he State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;"

WHEREAS, Section 11, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution, likewise, mandates the State to "adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost;"

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7610, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code," directs local government units (LGUs) to promote the health and safety of the people and preserve the comfort and convenience of their inhabitants;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government is cognizant that the introduction of healthcare innovations is important in adopting to the dynamic epidemiology of diseases in the city and will serve as a vital element in promoting and advancing the right to the highest attainable standard of health among QCitizens;

WHEREAS, the implementation of "Pharmacy-on-Wheels" and similar programmatic modalities is seen to increase access to medicines that satisfy the priority healthcare needs of localities, especially those selected on the basis of disease prevalence, evidence of efficacy, safety, and comparative cost-effectiveness;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY
IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:**

SECTION 1. Title. – This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Pharmacy-on-Wheels Ordinance of Quezon City."

SECTION 2 . Declaration of Principles and Policies. – It shall be the policy of the Quezon City Government to adopt an integrated, comprehensive, and equitable approach to health development by enhancing and improving the physical and economic accessibility of quality medicines in its jurisdiction, especially for marginalized and vulnerable groups.

SECTION 3. Pharmacy-on-Wheels Program. – The Pharmacy-on-Wheels Program shall be principally implemented by the City Health Department (CHD) and city-owned healthcare facilities such as, among others, the Quezon City General Hospital, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital, and Novaliches District Hospital. The program aims to increase access to quality medicines, health supplements, and health products right at the door step or immediate communities of identified and qualified QCitizen recipients.

SECTION 4. General Guidelines. The implementation of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following guidelines:

1. The Pharmacy-on-Wheels Program shall principally cater to QCitizens, who were previously confined or treated as outpatient clients in city-owned healthcare facilities, with unfilled prescriptions at the time of discharge; *provided*, that the City Mayor, upon recommendation of the Head of the City Health Department, shall be authorized to expand or amend the scope and coverage of the program based on the epidemiological context of the city.
2. The Pharmacy-on-Wheels Program shall be guided by the principles of availability; accessibility, including no discrimination, physical accessibility, economic accessibility (affordability), and information accessibility; acceptability; and quality. For this purpose, the program shall focus on the needs of QCitizens who have no visible means of income or whose income is insufficient for family subsistence; older persons; persons with disability; solo parents; cancer patients or survivors; among others.
3. The implementation of this Ordinance shall be in full compliance with all policies and rules protecting the privacy of program recipients under Republic Act No. 10173, otherwise known as the "Data Privacy Act of 2012," as amended, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, and the policies set by the National Privacy Commission.
4. The implementation of this Ordinance shall likewise fully comply with the regulatory standards for the preparation and dispensation of pharmaceutical goods and health products, as set out in Republic Act No. 10918, otherwise known as the "Philippine Pharmacy Act," Republic Act No. 6675, otherwise known as the "Generics Act of 1988," Republic Act No. 9502, otherwise known as the "Universally Acceptable Cheaper and Quality Medicines Act of 2008," and Republic Act No. 9711, otherwise known as the "Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Act of 2009."

5. Further, the implementation of this ordinance shall form part of the Office of the Mayor's 14 point agenda – "strengthen the delivery of better health services to the community."

SECTION 5. Program Review Board. – There is hereby created a Pharmacy-on-Wheels Program Review Board, which shall support and oversee the implementation of this Ordinance; determine annually or as frequently as necessary how effectively the program is implemented; provide recommendations for programmatic improvement and optimal impact; and annually report to the Sangguniang Panlungsod, through the Council Secretary, its monitoring and evaluation results of the program. The Board shall provide monitoring and evaluation guidance in the judicious and best use of available resources for the benefit of all, especially the most disadvantaged, marginalized, and vulnerable sectors of the city.

SECTION 6. Composition of the Board. – The Board shall be composed of the following:

- a) The City Mayor as Chairperson in an *ex officio* capacity, or his/her duly authorized representative;
- b) *Ex officio* members consisting of the following:
 - 1. The head of the City Health Department;
 - 2. The head of the Social Services Development Department;
 - 3. The head of the Persons with Disabilities Affairs Office (PDAO);
 - 4. The head of the Gender and Development Council Office;
 - 5. The head of the Office for Senior Citizens' Affairs;
 - 6. The head of the City Legal Department;
 - 7. The head of the Public Affairs and Information Services Department; and
 - 8. The hospital directors of Quezon City-owned or -managed hospitals, including the Quezon City General Hospital, the Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital, and the Novaliches District Hospital.

The Board shall likewise secure the participation of representatives of the Department of Health, public health-centered non-government organizations (NGOs) and civil society organization (CSOs), medical schools and academic institutions, and experts in the field of public health in its policy development. Participating organizations or individuals must not be a person who has worked in industries with adverse interests to public health, or in conflict or inconsistent with the objectives of health promotion.

SECTION 7. Appropriation. – The funds to cover the implementation of this Ordinance shall be included in the Annual Budget of the City Government.

SECTION 8. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The City Health Department, in consultation and coordination with other members of the Program Review Board, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance, based on the general guidelines set forth in this Ordinance, no later than one hundred twenty (120) days upon the effectivity of this Ordinance.

Pilot tests and initial implementation of this ordinance shall be subject to the Implementing Rules and Regulations.

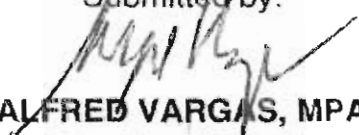
SECTION 9. Separability Clause. – Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. Repealing Clause. – All Quezon City Ordinances, Resolutions, Executive Orders, Memorandum Circulars, and administrative regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. Effectivity. – The Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Adopted _____ 2025.

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