

Senior citizens to get exemption at govt hospitals

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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak has announced that senior citizens (aged 60 and above) will be exempted from paying the RM5 registration charge for specialist outpatient treatment at all government clinics and hospitals from May 1.

Najib said this was in addition to the exemption from paying the RM1 registration charge at all government hospitals and clinics, including the 1Malaysia clinics that was extended to them this year.

Besides this, he announced that they would also be entitled to a 50% discount for admission to third-class wards.

"With the reduction, the maximum charge at the third-class ward will be RM250 per admission," he said when launching the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council's 1Malaysia low risk maternity centre at Precinct 8 here yesterday.

On the maternity centre, the first in the country, Najib said it was one of the best examples of the blue ocean strategy.

"This is what the Government can provide the people with when a ministry does not work in its own silo.

"We are able to achieve the target with a much lower cost and in the shortest possible time," he said.

Najib said the building was provided by the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Council with a cost of RM12mil. while the Health Ministry provided the manpower and part of the equipment.

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