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THE Penang government has allocated more than RM6mil in subsidy and operating expenditure for three dialysis centres in the state.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said the allocation also included the purchases of dialysis machines.

"The latest initiative by the state is a collaboration with MAA Medicare, where the state allocated about RM1.2mil to assist deserving

kidney patients over three years at the CAT MAA Medicare Dialysis Centre, Seberang Jaya," Lim said.

The RM6mil allocation also included the RM1.2mil allocation and also the state's subsidy of RM30 for each dialysis treatment for deserving kidney patients.

The CAT MAA Medicare Dialysis Centre in Jalan Baru was launched in the presence of MAA Group Berhad executive chairman Tunku

Yaacob Khyra.

"Earlier, we have also assisted two other dialysis centres at Masjid At-Taqwa in Kepala Batas and CAT Dialysis Centre in Balik Pulau," Lim told reporters after visiting the Maybank Kampung Baru branch in Jalan Air Itam during the RM100 handout event under the senior citizen appreciation programme recently.

There are 11 dialysis machines at the CAT Dialysis Centre, 12 at the

Masjid At-Taqwa and 17 at the CAT MAA Medicare Dialysis Centre.

The CAT Dialysis Centre is run by the state, while the Masjid At-Taqwa dialysis centre and CAT MAA Medicare Dialysis Centre are run by the mosque and MAA Medicare respectively.

The three centres receive a RM50 subsidy from the Federal Government for each dialysis treatment for kidney patients.

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Lim Guan Eng