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Nearly 300 people attended VNA Health Care’s free, local event for the state-wide “Cover Your Community Day” on Saturday, November 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at its clinic located at 801 Villa Street in Elgin, across from Bowlway and the Fire Station. The event raised awareness about the Affordable Care Act benefits and allowed visitors to meet with certified Navigators from VNA Health Care to enroll in health insurance through the Illinois Marketplace or Medicaid.

107.9 FM “La Ley” radio station did a remote broadcast at the event and “Raqueton”, the locally famous bilingual clown kept the crowd entertained. Attendees enjoyed lunch and snacks thanks to the generous donations of local restaurants:

Al’s Café (Chef Tony)	43 DuPage Court, Elgin
Chorizo Grill	440 Washington St, Elgin
Dairy Queen	727 Villa Street, Elgin
Danny’s Pizza	231 Douglas St, Elgin
Elgin BBQ Pit	970 Dundee Ave, Elgin
Elgin International Buffet	300 S McLean Unit E, Elgin
Elgin Public House	219 E Chicago St., Elgin
Geno Nottolini’s Pizza	1061 N. Liberty St, Elgin
Jimmy John’s Sandwiches	400 S Randall, Elgin
In the Neighborhood Deli	185 N Edison, Elgin
Jimmy’s Charhouse	2290 Point Blvd., Elgin
Noodles & Company	895 Randall Rd, Elgin
Paul’s Restaurant	1300 Lawrence, Elgin
The Village Squire	480 Randall Rd, S. Elgin

“We had one woman who was so happy when she enrolled in a silver plan on the Marketplace for \$54 a month,” says Cheryl O’Donoghue, Vice President of Human Resources & Marketing at VNA Health Care. “Many others learned the basics of the Affordable Care Act benefits and made an appointment to come back to enroll with one of our Navigators.”

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VNA Health Care provides affordable health care to over 50,000 women, men and children living primarily in Kane, DuPage, and Will counties. VNA runs 7 community health centers called Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) which have received national recognition by HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) for exceeding national quality standards in family practice, OB/GYN and pediatric health services. VNA is very committed to helping the uninsured in our area enroll in the expanded Medicaid program as well as the Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace. To assist in this work, it has applied for and received \$1.2 million in grant funding and has hired a total of over 45 full and part-time Illinois Assisters and Navigators.

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