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More than 50 people attended each of the two free "Get Covered" events hosted by VNA Health Care on Saturday, November 23 and Saturday, December 7. Both events took place at VNA's clinic at 801 Villa Street in Elgin.

The events 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.

Attendees enjoyed snacks thanks to the generous donations of these Elgin restaurants:

Big Skillet, 90 Tyler Creek Plaza
Ray's Family Restaurant, 801 St. Charles
Tropical Delicia, 780 Villa St.
Bennigan's, 495 Airport Rd.
El Nuevo Rincon, 154 E. Chicago St.
Mr. Tequila of Elgin, 51 S. Grove Ave.
Statefarm, 1245 Larkin Ave.
Café Roma, 600 S. McLean Blvd.
Walnut Speak Easy, 214 Walnut Ave.
Colonial Café, 600 S. McLean Blvd.
Paul's Family Restaurant, 1300 Lawrence
Claudia Sandoval, Claudia's Catering

"Our Navigators made multiple complete enrollments into the Marketplace and Medicaid during both events," says Cheryl O'Donoghue, Vice President of Human Resources & Marketing at VNA Health Care. "Many other attendees learned the basics of the Affordable Care Act benefits and made an appointment to come back to enroll with one of our Navigators."

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 8 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. 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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