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Vermont Health Connect Announces Partnership with Vermont's Kinney Drugs Stores

WINOOSKI, VT – Vermont Health Connect and Kinney Drugs announced a partnership today to educate Vermonters about the new way to find quality health coverage through the insurance marketplace. Vermont Health Connect is equipping pharmacy staff with tools to talk to customers because so many Vermonters turn to their pharmacist for answers to their health insurance questions. The partnership is aimed at encouraging Vermonters to think about the value of health insurance while they are at the pharmacy.

At local Kinney Drugs stores, Vermonters can access Vermont Health Connect resources, learn more about new benefit options or find time to meet with a Navigator for one-on-one assistance. Kinney Drugs is currently hosting a two-day Navigator event at select locations around the state to answer Vermonter's questions about new Vermont Health Connect plans. The following are today's event times and locations:

- 800 Rt. 302- **Berlin/Barre** – 3:00pm-7:00pm
- 82 Pearl Street, **Essex Junction** – 4:00pm-7:00pm
- 308 Shelburne Rd., **Burlington** – 2:00pm-5:00pm
- Route 7, **Middlebury** – 9:00am-5:00pm
- 1653 Williston Road, **So. Burlington** – 3:00pm-7:00pm
- 55 Shattuck Hill Rd, **Newport** – 3:00pm-5:00pm
- 957 Memorial Drive, **St. Johnsbury** – 4:00pm-6:00pm
- 34 Rt. 30, **Bomoseen** – 10:00am-2:00pm

Commissioner Mark Larson praised the partnership saying, "I want to thank Kinney Drugs for helping us get Vermonters covered. We hope that Vermonters who do not have health insurance will visit their local Kinney Drugs and learn more about enrolling in a plan that will serve them and their families well."

"At Kinney Drugs, we strive to provide exceptional customer service to our communities throughout Vermont," said Jim Spencer, president of Kinney Drugs stores. "We know that making personal health care decisions such as selecting your medical insurance can be complicated, and we are here to help. We are excited about the opportunity to partner with Vermont Health Connect in providing education to our customers about the health insurance marketplace."

Prescription drugs are included in all of the Vermont Health Connect plans along with a comprehensive set of benefits – so there is no guesswork about what's covered. Vermonters can find a health plan

online, by phone or through the help of an in-person assister. Visit www.VermontHealthConnect.gov to learn more.

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