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MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT FOR QUALITY FRENCH LANGUAGE HEALTH CARE

Wellington, May 29, 2018 – Not all Francophones who reside in a majority anglophone province or territory have sufficient English to understand and to make themselves understood when it comes to discussing health challenges.

For Francophone clients, language is often the primary tool in health maintenance and restoration. Communicating in their own language makes it easier for clients to ask for help, explain their experiences and conditions, express their needs and preferences, and take charge of their own health.

“Working with community and government partners to improve access to quality French language health services is at the heart of the mission of the PEI French Health Network, said Véronique Duguay, co-chair of the Health Network. That is why we encourage individuals and organizations to take action and get involved by making their voice heard here on the Island, but also across the country.”

The *J’agis, je m’engage* campaign aims to attract wide support from individuals, organizations and institutions, and thus improve access to quality French language health services. It is a way of sparking the improvement of services and expressing the importance of obtaining services in French for ourselves, our families and our communities.

“At Collège de l’Île, we train health professionals – licensed practical nurses and resident care workers – who play a key role in the active offer of quality French language health services in our province, added Donald DesRoches, President of Collège de l’Île. We therefore encourage Islanders, individually and collectively, to inquire and show their support by joining this national public awareness campaign.”

For more information and to join, Islanders can consult the following website: www.jemengage-sante.ca.

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