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**Nominate your Étoile Santé between March 2 and 22 for a chance to win \$500!**  
*Special draw during Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie*

**WELLINGTON, PEI, March 3, 2017** – The PEI French Health Network is pleased to announce that a \$500 prize will be randomly drawn during Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie, among all nominations received between March 2 and 22, 2017.

The Étoile Santé campaign is an initiative of the PEI French Health Network, and its purpose is to promote, recruit and make people aware of health professionals who offer French-language services on Prince Edward Island. Since January 2015, 35 health professionals have been recognized for providing an exceptional active offer of French-language services.

Throughout the year, people are encouraged to nominate health professionals for the Étoile Santé campaign for a chance to win one of two \$500 prizes. A \$500 prize will be awarded in July for all nominations received between January and June, and a second prize will be awarded for nominations received between July and December. The Health Network is pleased to add an additional \$500 prize, which will be randomly drawn during Les Rendez-vous de la francophonie, among all nominations received between March 2 and 22, 2017. An individual may nominate more than one person.

To be eligible, you must nominate health professionals who actively offer French-language health services in Prince Edward Island. Here are a few examples:

- Offer of service in French upon arrival at the emergency department, which helps relieve stress, especially in a crisis;
- Accessibility of French brochures, explanations or consent forms during a medical procedure;
- Provision of French-language services by a therapist, which allows the patient to better express his or her needs.

All nominated health care professionals receive a recognition award. Additionally, every month, a health professional who has distinguished himself or herself is recognized in an article published in the province's French-language newspaper, *La Voix acadienne*.

The complete list of Étoile Santé recipients can be found at the following link: [www.santeipe.ca/liste-des-nomines/](http://www.santeipe.ca/liste-des-nomines/). To find bilingual service providers in your area, consult the directory at [www.santeipe.ca/repertoire](http://www.santeipe.ca/repertoire).

*Les Rendez-vous de la Francophonie is part of the events surrounding the Journée internationale de la Francophonie (March 20), which is organized every year around the world to promote the French language and its numerous cultural expressions.*

*The PEI French Health Network is a non-profit organization that collaborates with various partners in order to improve access to quality French-language health services and programs for Prince Edward Island's Acadian and Francophone population. The organization brings together representatives from target community groups, educational facilities, health professionals, health service managers and the provincial government. It is also one of 16 networks that make up the Société Santé en français. The PEI French Health Network is funded by Health Canada within the framework of the Roadmap for Canada's Official Languages 2013–2018: Education, Immigration, Communities.*

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