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## VITL PARTNERS WITH MEDICITY TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN THE STATE OF VERMONT

**MONTPELIER, VT – March 1, 2011** – Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL), operator of Vermont’s statewide health information exchange (HIE), announced today that it has selected [Medicity’s](#) suite of health information exchange solutions to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care in Vermont.

“Since VITL began operations as an independent non-profit organization in 2005, it has been working to improve the care that Vermonters receive by enabling electronic communication between health care providers,” said David Cochran, MD, VITL’s president and CEO. “The selection of Medicity as our HIE partner, with its industry-leading technologies and vast experience with statewide health information exchange – will allow us to accelerate connecting Vermont’s health care providers and provide additional support to Vermont’s nation-leading health care reform efforts.”

VITL’s [Vermont Health Information Exchange \(VHIE\)](#) currently connects eight Vermont hospitals to 29 physician practices with 116 practitioners so that physicians can receive lab results and other clinical reports electronically. Several physician practices and hospitals also transmit data via VITL to the state’s Blueprint for Health registry, which physicians use to analyze care and identify opportunities for improvement. With Medicity, VITL will expand the services available to its existing VHIE customers, as well as connect the remaining Vermont hospitals and physician practices to the VHIE and the Blueprint for Health registry. VITL will also extend HIE access to other Vermont health care organizations, including nursing homes and mental health agencies.

Initially, VITL will deploy the HIE to automate healthcare transactions such as lab and radiology orders and results, distribution of discharge summaries, and transfer of clinical summaries to the Blueprint for Health registry. Medicity’s HIE will provide seamless communications between the many different brands of EHRs and hospital systems used in Vermont. In the next phase, VITL will roll out HIE services for data aggregation, patient matching and record location to implement a statewide community health record.

“As the pace of health care reform quickens in Vermont, and the Blueprint for Health initiative expands statewide, VITL has a very large task ahead of it to connect all the state’s health care providers,” said Cochran. “We selected Medicity to help us complete this task because it has demonstrated in other states that it has both the technology and skills necessary to rapidly and successfully deploy a full suite of health information exchange services on a statewide level.”

“The Vermont HIE has already made significant strides in offering services to improve the continuity and quality of care,” said Brent Dover, Medicity’s president. “We are excited to partner with VITL to augment the HIE and extend the collaboration infrastructure to every care provider.”

### **About VITL**

VITL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that assists Vermont health care providers with adopting and using health information technology to improve patient care. Because VITL’s stakeholders come from both the private and public sectors, in essence VITL operates as a public-private partnership. VITL is both the designated health information exchange for the state of Vermont and the federally-designated regional extension center for the state of Vermont. For more information, visit [vitl.net](http://vitl.net) or follow us on [twitter.com/vitlvt](https://twitter.com/vitlvt).

### **About Medicity**

Medicity, the industry standard for health information exchange (HIE), is the leading innovator and largest provider of HIE technology – with more than 750 hospitals and 250,000 end users in its connected ecosystem. Medicity’s solutions empower hospitals, physicians and HIEs with secure access to and exchange of health information – improving the quality and efficiency of patient care locally, regionally and nationally. For more information, please visit [www.medicity.com](http://www.medicity.com) or follow us on [twitter.com/Medicity](https://twitter.com/Medicity).

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