

Special 2015 Legislative Report
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**Attention:
Aetna Health
Insurance
Users:**

Do you know that you have a choice called Airrosti for the treatment of musculoskeletal disorders?

There are five Airrosti treatment centers around Richmond. **What sets Airrosti apart from other rehab or medical care?** When a patient enters an Airrosti office, instead of asking the patient about his or her symptoms and then ordering MRIs, X-rays and other costly tests, Airrosti providers spend **one full hour with every patient, every visit.** Airrosti providers

Scholarships Available Now

\$10,000 in Awards for VGEA Members & Families

The 2015 VGEA Scholarship Application is now online! If you have been a VGEA member for at least one year; you, your spouse, children and grandchildren are eligible to apply for one of four \$2,500 awards presented annually.

Click here to download the application, which contains the complete 2015 guidelines. There are also a few new rules, so be sure to read it carefully. All post-high school students are eligible, as long as their college/ university or graduate school is SCHEV certified and they have not won before.

The **deadline to return completed application packets is February 27**, and only the first 100 will be considered. Be sure to submit your application on time and all together.

Legislation of Interest to VGEA Members

perform all critical muscle, orthopedic, functional and hands-on neurological tests. After an accurate diagnosis, Airrosti providers perform focused manual therapy followed by very specific active rehab with the patient. Average patient treatment time is 3.1 (hr.) visits!

This patient-centered approach gives the provider adequate time to arrive at an accurate diagnosis, while preventing unnecessary and costly imaging, injections and medications.

To view testimonials and learn more about this treatment, go to: www.airrosti.com



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Go to the Legislative Information System for additional details at <http://lis.virginia.gov/lis.htm> enter the bill number (no spaces) and click go.

HB 1942 Health insurance; prior authorization for drug benefits. - **Passed House and Senate**

SB 977 Virginia Sickness and Disability Program; open enrollment period. - **Passed Senate with amendments, no action in House**

HB 1969 Virginia Retirement System; cash balance retirement plan. - **Passed House and Senate**

SB 1135 Adoption leave; creates new classification for state employee. - **Passed Senate with amendments, no action in House**

HB 2277 Life insurance for retired state employees. - **Passed House, passed Senate with amendments**

SB 692 Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System; conservation officers. - **Passed Senate with amendments, no action in House**

SB 738 Virginia Sickness and Disability Program; open enrollment period for certain members of VRS. - **Passed Senate with amendments, no action in House**

HB 1400 Budget Bill. - **Passed House with amendments, passed Senate with amendments; in Conference**

SB 800 Budget Bill. - **Passed Senate with amendments, no action in House**

HB 1466 Capitol Police; security for Gov-elect, Lt. Gov-elect, Att. General-elect, members of Court of Appeals. - **Passed House, no action in Senate**

SB 813 Virginia Retirement System; technical amendments to the programs administered by System. - **Passed Senate**

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with amendments, passed House Committee

SB 1121 IT responsibility of agency directors. - **Passed Senate and House**

SB 866 Health insurance; school board allowed to elect to have employees & retirees to receive state plan. - **Passed Senate, no action in House**

SB 1022 Virginia Retirement System benefits. - **Passed Senate, no action in House**

HB 2081 Employers; disclosure of social media account information. - **Passed House with amendments, reported from Senate Committee**

HB 1916 Fraud and Abuse Whistle Blower Protection Act; definition of state agency. - **Passed House and Senate**

HB 1890 Virginia Retirement System; purchase of service credit for prior service. - **Passed House with amendments, Passed Senate with amendments**

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