

## **Children Using Seatbelts in the Backseat Saves Lives, Reduces Injuries, and Saves Money!**

- In 2011, **every month** an average of **nine children** (15 and younger) in NYS who did not wear a seatbelt were injured severely enough to require hospital treatment; one of whom sustained injuries serious enough to **require inpatient hospitalization**.
- In 2011, 461 backseat occupants (15 and younger) in NYS who did not wear a seatbelt were treated at a hospital for their injuries.
  - Treatment of these injuries resulted in almost **\$3.1 million** in emergency department and hospitalization charges.
- Among motorists who were involved in a motor vehicle crash, those who were unrestrained **were almost *four times* more likely to require hospitalization** than those who buckled up. The resulting average hospital charge was almost \$28,000 higher for those unrestrained.
- Unrestrained motorists involved in a crash are **twice** as likely to suffer a traumatic brain injury compared to those wearing a seatbelt.