

## Using Seatbelts Saves Lives, Reduces Injuries, and Saves Money!

- In 2011, **every month** an average of **692 motorists in New York State** who did not wear a seatbelt were injured severely enough to require hospital treatment; 143 of whom sustained injuries serious enough to require **inpatient hospitalization**.
- In 2011, 8,309 motorists in New York State who did not wear a seatbelt were treated at a hospital for their injuries.
  - Treatment of these injuries resulted in almost **\$127 million** in emergency department and hospitalization charges.
  - 12% (almost \$16 million) of the hospitalization and ED charges was **charged to public funds**.
- Among motorists who were involved in a crash, those who were unrestrained were **eight times more likely to require hospitalization** than those who buckled up. The resulting **average hospital charge is over \$20 thousand higher** for those unrestrained.
- Unrestrained motorists involved in a crash are almost **four times** as likely to suffer a traumatic brain injury compared to those wearing a seatbelt.