



## RESOLUTION

OCTOBER 1999

---

**TITLE: CHILD SAFETY SEAT AVAILABILITY AND TRAINING**

**WHEREAS**, over 500 children ages 0-4 die and over 100,000 are injured each year while riding in motor vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, child safety seats reduce the likelihood of fatal injury by an estimated 69% for infants and 47% for toddlers;

**WHEREAS**, a \$40-50 child safety seat saves an estimated \$1,360 in medical costs, quality of life preserved and other tangible costs;

**WHEREAS**, all states have primary child passenger safety laws;

**WHEREAS**, at least 80% of children restrained in safety seats are restrained improperly;

**WHEREAS**, approximately 25% of children covered by Medicaid travel in a child safety seat, 75% of other children ages 0-4 are regularly secured in child safety seats;

**WHEREAS**, many states are not able to provide comprehensive, statewide child safety seat programs and training due to lack of adequate resources;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Safe States concurs and supports the recommendations of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) regarding advocating to the Health Care Finance Administration to allow federal Medicaid reimbursement for infant or child car safety seats as durable medical goods; and be further

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Safe States concurs and supports the recommendations of ASTHO regarding fostering collaborative and comprehensive safety seat training and distribution programs that will assure the capacity of the states to meet the needs of the population at risk.

**Date: October 1999**

**Revised June 22, 2010**