



FACT SHEET: CALIFORNIA

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 106,000 children in CA have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

Cost = ~\$82,000/yr/child

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

CA has the 3rd highest # of infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care of any state

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Bay Area (CD 4,10-12,14-18) = 54

Sacramento (CD 5-8) = 31

Central Valley (CD 9,13,20-22) = 302

LA (CD 24,26-47) = 328

Northern CA (CD 1,2) = 23

San Diego (CD 25,48-52) = 109

PEDIATRIC HOSPICE ROCKS

- Pain & symptom management
- Medical care concurrent with hospice (ACA, section 2302)
- Care continuity
- Family support



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- Care starts at 6 months to live
- Coordinating hospice and medical care is complicated
- 27 out of 865 CA hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 106,000 CA families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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