



FACT SHEET: FLORIDA SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 33,000 children in FL have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

FL has over 250 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Miami (CD 20-28) = 76

Tampa (CD 13-16) = 36

Orlando (CD 7,9-11) = 22

Jacksonville (CD 4,5) = 19

Cape Coral (CD 17,19) = 17

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
- 47 out of 214 FL hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 33,000 FL families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy

