



FACT SHEET: GEORGIA SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 28,800 children in GA have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

GA has over 200 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)

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IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Atlanta (CD 4-7,9,11,13,14) = 139
Columbus (CD 2,3) = 22

Savannah (CD 1) = 17
Augusta (CD 12) = 12

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
- 18 out of 248 GA hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 28,800 GA families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy

