



FACT SHEET: KENTUCKY

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 23,000 children in KY have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

KY has over 100 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)

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IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Louisville (CD 2-4) = 30
Lexington (CD 6) = 30

Eastern KY (CD 5) = 40

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
- 15 out of 42 KY hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 23,000 KY families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy

