



FACT SHEET: MISSISSIPPI

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 15,000 children in MS have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

MS has 74 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Vicksburg/Jackson (CD 2,3) = 40

Tupelo (CD 1) = 22

Biloxi (CD 4) = 12

PEDIATRIC HOSPICE ROCKS

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



.... BUT



- Care starts at 6 months to live
- Coordinating hospice and medical care is complicated
- 36 out of 120 MS hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 15,000 MS families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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