



FACT SHEET: PENNSYLVANIA

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 37,900 children in PA have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

PA has the 4th highest # of infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care of any state

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Pittsburgh (CD 12,14,17) = 563
Harrisburg (CD 10,11,13) = 61
State College (CD 15) = 30

Philadelphia (CD 1-7) = 36
Scranton (CD 8) = 16
Williamsport (CD 9) = 15

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
- 12 out of 219 PA hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 37,900 PA families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy

