



FACT SHEET: TEXAS

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 113,700 children in TX have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

TX has the 5th highest # of infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care of any state

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Lubbock (CD 19) = 19

El Paso (CD 16,23) = 16

Austin (CD 10,17,21,31,37) = 28

Dallas/Fort Worth (CD 3-6,12,13,24-26,30,32,33) = 156

Houston (CD 2,7-9,14,18,22,29,36,38) = 121

San Antonio (CD 20,21,23,28) = 49

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
- 36 out of 925 TX hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 113,700 TX families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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