



FACT SHEET: VIRGINIA

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 19,100 children in VA have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

VA has 100 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)

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IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Roanoke (CD 6-9) = 59

Arlington (CD 7,8,10,11) = 23

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
- 10 out of 143 VA hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 19,100 VA families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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