



# FACT SHEET: KANSAS

## SICK KIDS



### HOW MANY

More than 8,500 children in KS have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

### HOSPICE FOR KIDS

KS has 56 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



### IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Kansas City (CD 2,3) = 26

Wichita (CD 4) = 14

Western KS (CD 1) = 14

### 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
- 2 out of 111 KS hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

### IMPROVING POLICY



> 8,500 KS families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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