



FACT SHEET: MARYLAND

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 16,500 children in MD have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

MD has 391 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



DC Surrounding (CD 4,5,8) =75 Western Maryland (CD 6) =189
Baltimore (CD 1-3, 7) =127

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
- 4 out of 34 MD hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 16,500 MD families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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