



# FACT SHEET: MASSACHUSETTS

## SICK KIDS



### HOW MANY

More than 27,200 children in MA have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

### HOSPICE FOR KIDS

MA has 29 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)

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### IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Eastern MA (CD 4-9) = 13

### PEDIATRIC HOSPICE ROCKS

- Pain & symptom management
- Medical care concurrent with hospice (ACA, section 2302)
- Care continuity
- Family support



### .... BUT

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- Care starts at 6 months to live
- Coordinating hospice and medical care is complicated
- 12 out of 104 MA hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

### IMPROVING POLICY



> 27,200 MA families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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