



FACT SHEET: NORTH CAROLINA

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 30,000 children in NC have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

NC has 119 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)

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IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS



Raleigh/Durham (CD 2,4,13) =18

Asheville (CD 11) =10

Charlotte (CD 8,12,14) =28

Fayetteville (CD 7,9) =18

Greensboro/Winston-Salem (CD 5,6,8,9) = 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
- 23 out of 141 NC hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 30,000 NC families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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