



FACT SHEET: OKLAHOMA

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 17,500 children in OK have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

OK has 26 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Eastern OK (CD 1,2) = 11

Western OK (CD 3-5) = 15

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 121 OK hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 17,500 OK families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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