



# FACT SHEET: WEST VIRGINIA

## SICK KIDS



### HOW MANY

More than 7,800 children in WV have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

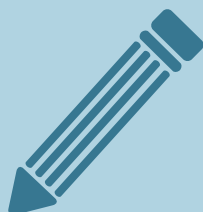
(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

### HOSPICE FOR KIDS

WV has 42 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



### IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Southern WV (CD 1) = 19

Northern WV (CD 2) = 22

### 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
- 3 out of 20 WV hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

### IMPROVING POLICY



> 7,800 WV families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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