



FACT SHEET: UNITED STATES SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 980,000 children in the US have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

The US has 18,152 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



based on 2022 CDC Wonder

PEDIATRIC DEATHS (ALL CAUSE)

<1 year = 19,530

1-14 years = 9,152

15-19 years = 12,278

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
- 543 out of 6242 US hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 980,000 families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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