



FACT SHEET: SOUTH CAROLINA

SICK KIDS



HOW MANY

More than 16,600 children in SC have a complex medical problem that limits their life expectancy

(based on 2019-2020 NSCH)

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

HOSPICE FOR KIDS

SC has 61 infants to adolescents enrolled in pediatric hospice care.

(based on 2011-2013 Medicaid)



IN THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Upstate (CD 3-5) = 20 Charleston (CD 1) = 11
Columbia (CD 2,6) = 18 Myrtle Beach (CD 7) = 12

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
- 5 out of 137 SC hospices have a pediatric program
- Care is not comprehensive

IMPROVING POLICY



> 16,600 SC families would benefit from a comprehensive, coordinated policy



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