

# Children's Hospice International

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# Chi – more than “Hospice”

- “Chi” in ancient Chinese = Life Force
  - “Chi” in Greek = Christ
  - “Chi” in Hebrew = Life



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# CHI

## Pioneering Hospice Care for Children

CHLPAAG: Lessons

“CHI’s ultimate goal is to so ingrain the hospice/palliative care concept into pediatrics that it is considered an integral part of health care for children and adolescents rather than a separate specialty...”

*1983, American Academy of Pediatrics  
Ann Armstrong-Dailey*



# CHI Pioneering Appropriate Care Since 1983

## CHI Services:

- Definition/Standards/Glossary of Terms
- Education and Training
- World Congresses
- International Resource
- Technical Assistance
- Advocacy
- Special Programs including ChiPACC

**Current models of care do not adequately address  
needs of children with life-threatening illnesses**

*A parent should never have to  
choose between hospice care  
and hope for a cure*



# ChiPACC

**ChiPACC: Comprehensive compassionate coordinated care for children with life-threatening conditions and their families:**

- From time of diagnosis**
- With hope for cure – curative, social, AND palliative care**
- Provides each enrolled child an *individualized* treatment plan that includes, manages, and coordinates services from providers across the health care spectrum.**
- Most appropriate setting *based on***  
***Family Choice – rather than funding stream***



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# ChiPACC

## Program Features

### Program Eligibility

- Onset of a life threatening illness prior to age 21
- Resides in the service area for ChiPACC as determined by the State
- Eligible for Medical Assistance

### Service Model

- Use of a ChiPACC coordinator
- Interdisciplinary team approach (at least 1 physician, 1 registered nurse, one social worker, pastoral counselor, or other counselor, and one case manager)
- Both curative & palliative care
- Utilizes a comprehensive care plan taking into account the best interests of the individual *and their family*

# **ChiPACC Tested in 5 States:**



Florida  
Colorado  
New York  
California  
North Dakota





# ChiPACC Bill

## ChiPACC Bill

Children's Program of All-inclusive Coordinated Care

***“Mattie & Melinda Bill”***

***ChiPACC Bill HR 4952 introduced by  
Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Michael McCaul (R-TX)***





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# CHI Information

## Questions?

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***THANK YOU!***

