

THE STATE OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS 2023*

* A new poll of likely voters nationwide who are parents of children under 18 highlights overwhelming support for ensuring access to specialized care at children's hospitals.



93%

believe that children's hospitals are **important** to meeting the health care needs of children in America.

94%

would be willing to take some form of **action** to preserve children's access to care at children's hospitals.

92%

would seek treatment for their child at a children's hospital that is **further** away than a general one.

73%

believe children's hospitals are doing their part to address youth mental health challenges.



A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING TO HELP STRENGTHEN THE PEDIATRIC WORKFORCE:

82%

increase funding for growing the pediatric mental health workforce

80%

providing greater support for pediatric health care provider well-being

79%

providing more incentives to pursue pediatric careers



89%

believe the federal government should ensure children's hospitals have the funding they need.

92%

believe it is **important** that children's hospitals are fully staffed with pediatricians, pediatric specialists, and pediatric nurses right now, but...

68%

recognize that we do **not** have enough pediatricians and pediatric specialists to meet the health care needs of children.



69%

support **increasing** federal funding of children's hospitals graduate medical education (CHGME) and increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates so they are comparable to Medicare.

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Methodology: Public opinion survey of n=1,000 U.S. likely voters with children under 18 conducted online by LSG September 18-26, 2023; MOE +/-3%