

# Children's Health

## Help For Kids Battling Cancer

(NAPSA)—Getting the help they need—when they need it—can make a world of difference for children and adolescents who are battling cancer.

To ensure children get the care they need, seven core principles have been established by The Alliance for Childhood Cancer, which represents more than 20



**Children and adolescents with cancer need timely access to pediatric oncology care.**

national patient advocacy groups, medical societies, and scientific organizations. The principles include:

1. Timely access to pediatric oncology specialists;
2. Treatment by a multidisciplinary team of childhood cancer specialists, including doctors, nurses, social workers and psychologists;
3. Insurance coverage for clinical trials;
4. Access to the full continuum of cancer care, including insurance coverage for these services;
5. Portability of insurance coverage in cases where parents change employers or where a plan changes providers and benefits;
6. Long-term follow-up care;
7. Funding to support research to improve children's and adolescents' care and quality of life, as well as programs for the training of skilled pediatric cancer specialists.

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