



UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATE 2.16.26

PURPOSE

This document offers Universal Preschool updates to local providers.

UPDATES

Below is the reminder on reconciliation requests for Q2 that was sent out to all providers.

Also, the first matching round has been completed, and you should be able to see your first round proposed matches sometime tomorrow. Remember that families will not see these matches until February 24 so now is the time for you to review and decline any that don't meet the criteria set up in your set up form. Once the matches go to families on February 24, they will have until March 6 to accept or decline. Please review the matching process in the UPK handbook at jointinitiatives.org/upk.

Dear Providers,

This is a reminder that **March 6, 2026**, is the **final deadline** to report any inquiries related to **Quarter 2 (December, January, February)** payments to coupkpayment@metrixiq.com.

Per the [CDEC Memo Series](#), no further Q2 submissions will be accepted after this date, and reconciliation of Q2 payment issues will no longer be possible.

Retroactive Start Date Enforcement

Beginning with Q2 (December 1–February 28), the **Colorado Department of Early Childhood (CDEC)** will **strictly enforce the 45-day retroactive start date limit** as outlined in the Universal Preschool Provider Contract.

Reconciliation Payment Schedule 2025–2026

Enrollment Months	Deadline to Report Payment Issues	Payment Date
August – November	December 5, 2025	December 31, 2025
December – February	March 6, 2026	March 31, 2026
March – May	June 5, 2026	June 22, 2026*

How to Submit Q2 Issues

Submit any outstanding Q2 payment issues before March 6:

➔ **Submit a request:** [Submit a request - UPK Payments](#)

Provider Reminders

As outlined in the 2025–26 Provider Agreement and Operational Memo, UPK will strictly enforce all reconciliation and reporting deadlines. Providers are strongly encouraged to:

- Review and ensure all enrollment and payment records are accurate and up to date.
- Confirm submission of Provider Program Surveys (email coupkpayments@metrixiq.com if you need your link).
- Ensure Q1 Expenditure Reporting has been submitted.
 - FAQ: [Expenditure Reporting FAQ 2025-26](#)

2025–26 Expenditure Reporting Schedule

- **Quarter 1 (Aug–Nov):** Due January 16 (extended due to holidays)
- **Quarter 2 (Dec–Feb):** Due March 31
- **Quarter 3 (Mar–May):** Due June 30

Please note: Future payments may be held if expenditure reports are not submitted by the deadline.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact us:

➔ **Submit a request:** [Submit a request - UPK Payments](#)