



## UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL UPDATE

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#### PURPOSE

This document offers Universal Preschool updates to local providers.

#### UPDATES

This is a reminder that **UPK roundtables will be held tomorrow, March 11, at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM.** The zoom link is on the UPK page at [www.jointinitiatives.org/upk](http://www.jointinitiatives.org/upk).

- The first part of the roundtable will be quick reminders of the timetable for March and a review of what you can do on your own, followed by any general questions.
- The second part will be geared toward NEW UPK PROVIDERS/DIRECTORS/ADMINISTRATORS who need more in-depth information about how UPK works, from direct enrollment to updating profiles to posting tuition. I strongly encourage anyone who is in their first year of offering UPK or is a new director or administrator to attend one of the two roundtables.
- As always, one of the roundtables will be recorded and posted on the JI UPK Page.

#### Proposed UPK Rule Changes

Also on the JI UPK page is a notice of proposed rule changes for UPK. I urge you to review those changes and provide feedback to CDEC, should you have any. This is being referred to as the Mega Rule and the red-line version is easiest to read.

#### Quality Standards

The state is developing an easy-to-read guide on quality standards that should be out very soon. In the meantime, the actual quality standards are linked on the JI UPK Page. Please be sure to review those as providers will be expected to follow those quality standards beginning July 1, 2026. As soon as the state releases the new document, we will hold a round table specifically around Quality Standards, and I am sure that the state will be doing the same.

Please feel free to reach out if you need any support from Heather or me. We are here to help.

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