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Department of Early Childhood

Dear Colorado Universal Preschool Providers,

The Colorado Universal Preschool program is once again offering an optional prepayment for the 2026-2027 program year to help providers cover startup costs. This funding is an advance on your May payment for four-year-old enrollments. Please review the details below to determine if you qualify and, if so, how to submit your request.

Note: This email is being sent to contacts for your organization from the UPK portal listed as the Authorized Signer and Metrix Enroll users. Please forward as needed.

How to Apply

To request a prepayment, please submit the following form: [Universal Preschool - Financial Need Attestation for Pre-Payment](#), no later than July 24, 2026.

Eligibility Requirements

Important Notes:

- **September Start Dates:** UPK Programs with a September start date are not eligible for this August prepayment.
- **Financial Reconciliation:** Since this prepayment serves as an advance on your May funding, you will be required to return the received funds if an enrolled child leaves your program prior to May.

To qualify, you must meet all the following conditions and be determined eligible:

1. **Completed Agreement:** Your 2026-2027 Universal Preschool Provider Agreement must be signed by all parties and fully executed (received via DocuSign) by August 1, 2026.
2. **Enrollment Deadline:** The children you are requesting to receive an advanced May payment for must be in “Enrolled” status in the [UPK Provider Portal](#) by July 31, 2026, no exceptions. Students enrolled after this date will follow the standard arrears payment schedule, with first payments issued September 15, 2026.
3. **Demonstrate Financial Need:** You must provide a financial statement showing that your available funds are less than the estimated Colorado Universal Preschool

Program payment for the children enrolled in your program in August. This estimate is based on the number of children in "Enrolled" status in the UPK Portal as of July 31, 2026, using the 2026-27 UPK rates.

Timeline

August 7, 2026: You will be notified of your eligibility status. You will receive separate information on how to confirm your banking details via Metrix Enroll.

August 14, 2026: If approved, your prepayment will be issued.

Additional Resources

- [CO Universal Preschool Financial Need Attestation PrePayment FAQs](#)
- Need assistance? Please reach out by [submitting a ticket here](#). When filling out the form, ensure you select “Pre-payment Request” so we can prioritize your inquiry.
- UPK will host open office hours for providers who may have questions on this process.
 - [Calendar invite link: Thursday, July 16th, from 5-6 pm MST](#)
 - Google Meet Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/erf-mnkh-kuv>
 - Or dial: (US) +1 440-561-6912 PIN: 820 109 693#

Best regards,

Colorado Universal Preschool Payments Team