Dear Universal Preschool Providers,

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful feedback during our recent Provider Agreement Office Hours. Your input continues to shape and strengthen the Universal Preschool Program.

We've heard your concerns about the contract language related to provider fees. In response, we are removing the strict prohibition on all fees and replacing it with clearer, more flexible language that still protects families. Under the updated language, providers may charge fees for services not funded by the program, as long as those fees are posted up front. This change offers more clarity and operational flexibility, while keeping fairness and transparency for families front and center.

We've also added a new provision to ensure no family is ever placed on a waitlist, regardless of what services they are receiving.

These revisions will appear in the "Attendance and Reimbursement" section of the contract. For transparency, you can see the exact red line below.

You will find the revised version of the contracts for private providers and governmental providers:

Private Providers

Governmental Providers

If your program has already submitted the Google form indicating your intent to sign the contract, we will be reaching out to you to reconfirm your agreement, now that this change has been made.

You can expect updated provider agreements to be issued on or around May 1, 2025.

We appreciate your partnership and your continued dedication to serving Colorado's children and families.

Sincerely,
Deputy Director, Colorado Universal Preschool

Redlined Contract Language (Section: Attendance and Reimbursement)

- 2. Provider agrees to post preschool tuition, enrollment, and ancillary costs on the Provider's profile in the Colorado Preschool Program's Application System prior to enrollment. These costs shall include the overall out-of-pocket cost to the family inclusive of all charges and fees (if allowable pursuant to this contract) the Provider will or may charge for the 2025-26 school year. Provider is prohibited from charging a participating family any fee whatsoever if the child is only receiving part-time (10 hours/week), half-day (15 hours/week), or full-day (30 hours/week) services which are funded by CDEC via the Preschool Program's per child rate. Provider is prohibited from charging a fee that is not posted on the Provider's profile in the Colorado Preschool Program's Application System—for children who are receiving services that are entirely beyond and in addition to the services that the child is funded for by CDEC via the Preschool Program's per child rate.
- 3. Provider shall not charge a family participating in the Colorado Preschool Program tuition or fees for services that exceed the amount that is charged to families of preschool-aged children that do not participate in the Colorado Preschool Program for the same or similar services. Provider shall not charge a family any fees whatsoever if they

are only receiving part time (10 hours/week), half day (15 hours/week), or full day (30 hours/week) services which are funded by CDEC via the Preschool Program's per child rate.

4. Provider is prohibited from placing a family on a waitlist for services regardless of whether the child is receiving services that are entirely beyond and in addition to the services that the child is funded for by CDEC via the Preschool Program's per-child rate.