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Stacking CCCAP and Universal Preschool

- Memo: [IM-CCCAP-2025-0002](#) / [IM-UPK-2025-0001](#)
- Beginning August 1, 2025, CCCAP and Universal Preschool payments for children who are in both programs will be “stacked.”
- When these funds are stacked, the two funding sources will work together to pay for services, but they cannot be used during overlapping time periods.
- An estimated 2,222 children are enrolled in both programs, with an estimated 39%, or 869 children, qualifying for full-day services.
- This will result in an estimated \$5.9 million in savings to CCCAP annually, which will allow the funds to go further to serve more families.



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- Phased Approach
 - Phase One: 2025-2026 School Year
 - Limited Scope: Only children with 30 hours of UPK and receive CCCAP for same provider.
 - Phase Two: 2026-2027 School Year
 - Full Stacking
- In all situations, stacking these funds will result in a lower parent fee.



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Emergency Rulemaking Process

1. CDEC drafts proposed rules.
2. Rules are distributed for public feedback.
3. Changes to rules based on public feedback are considered.
4. **Attorney General's Office reviews rules to make sure they are legally sound.**
5. Rules are reviewed by the RAC County Subcommittee and Rules Advisory Council.
6. Executive Director considers Emergency Adoption during a Public Rulemaking Hearing.
7. Emergency Rules become effective immediately upon adoption. 
8. Permanent Rulemaking Process begins.

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CDEC Tracking No.	Draft Rule, Executive Summary, and Packet	Pre-Rule Conference	Community Engagement	AG Review	County Subcommittee	RAC	Ntc of Hrg Filed	Discussion Rulemaking Hearing	Adoption Rulemaking Hearing	Rule Effective
2025-04-004-E	4/18/25 - 5/1/25	5/1/25	5/5/25 - 5/19/25	5/26/25 - 6/25/25	7/3/25	7/10/25	-	-	7/24/25	7/24/25



Proposed UPK Rule Language: Stacking

H. “Colorado Child Care Assistance Program” or “CCCAP” means the public assistance program for child care known as the Colorado child care assistance program established in part 1 of article 4 of title 26.5.

4.108 PRESCHOOL PROVIDER FUNDING FOR CHILDREN THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) YEARS OF AGE

- E. The Department, in accordance with section 26.5-4-111, C.R.S., will make every effort to allow funds from both the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) and the preschool program to be coordinated to the extent allowed by state and federal law and federal regulations. When an eligible preschool program child is enrolled with a provider and is receiving both CCCAP and preschool program services and funding, the enrolling provider must:
1. Ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that only one (1) funding source is utilized at any time for a designated purpose or service (colloquially referred to as ‘stacking’), except for any overlap in hours of services covered by both preschool program and CCCAP funding that derives directly from the implementation of the federal requirement that services provided and paid for under CCCAP are provided in part-time and full-time increments rather than hours;





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2. Ensure that each funding source is tracked and reported separately for different timeframes;
3. Ensure that preschool program funds are the first payor for children whom the provider is also authorized to provide care for through CCCAP, with CCCAP funding covering the remaining time of care for the child; and
4. Follow any and all applicable Department policies or procedures related to children who are 'dually-enrolled' in both the preschool program and CCCAP, including, but not limited to, regarding which categories (i.e. part-time, half-day, or full-day) of preschool program-eligible children are eligible to be funded for both CCCAP and preschool program services concurrently. ~~working with local coordinating organizations, shall make every effort to blend and braid preschool programming funds where possible with head start, local funding dollars, and the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP), prior to distributing additional preschool programming funds to a child who is in a low income family per rule section 4.105(A), or who meets at least one (1) qualifying factor in rule section 4.105(B).~~



THANK YOU!



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