



**COLORADO**

**Department of Early Childhood**

# Joint Technology Committee

## Colorado Department of Early Childhood

October 18, 2022

# CDEC Updates

- CDEC & UPK Staffing Updates
  - CDEC Business Product Director - Colleen Lynn
  - Chief Financial Officer - Jeanni Stefanik
  - Strategy, Policy, Communication and Partnerships Director - Interviews complete
  - Administrator Solutions Director - Interviews underway
  - Early Childhood Workforce Director - Interviews underway
- CDEC Marketing & Communications team is working with the UPK team on a communication and marketing strategy for UPK launch. Tactics include:
  - Rocky Mountain PBS
  - Print material / toolkit for LCOs
  - Social Media

# UPK Updates

- CDEC - in collaboration with Jodi Harden and Early Milestones Colorado - is underway with LCO training (to continue through Nov. 2022). These trainings are intended to help set a foundation as well as respond to local needs and include:
  - Community plan support and development
  - Initial budget planning
  - Change management and leadership
  - Data driven decision making
  - Stakeholder engagement and more!
- Ongoing stakeholder updates and input: CDEC, CASE, Rural Alliance, CASBO, Head Start Colorado Association, ECCLA, ECLC and more!
- Staffing Updates
  - Units - UPK, LCO, P3
  - UPK Manager & LCO Manager - Screening applications
  - UPK Program Assistant - Screening applications

# UPK Rule Updates for Additional Care

In order for a child to receive additional hours of care from UPK, that child must be between three- and four-years old (year before Kindergarten), as well as meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Child lives in a low-income household (270% of the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines).
- Child is a dual language learner and the native language spoken in the child's home is a language other than English, or the child's native language is not English.
- Child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Child is currently in a foster care home or in non-certified kinship care.
- Child is identified as homeless.

\*\*For children younger than three-years-old in a district with a waiver to serve children younger than three, the specific number of hours for these children will be determined in November alongside the provider rate.

# UPK Technology - Milestones Updates

## NOW

Sept & Oct 2022

Sept. 22, 2022  
Signed BridgeCare  
Contract

Nov 2022

Nov. 15, 2022  
Provider Launch

Dec 2022



**LAUNCH  
MILESTONE**  
Jan. 17, 2023  
At 8 a.m.

**UPK  
Application  
and Provider  
Search Live**

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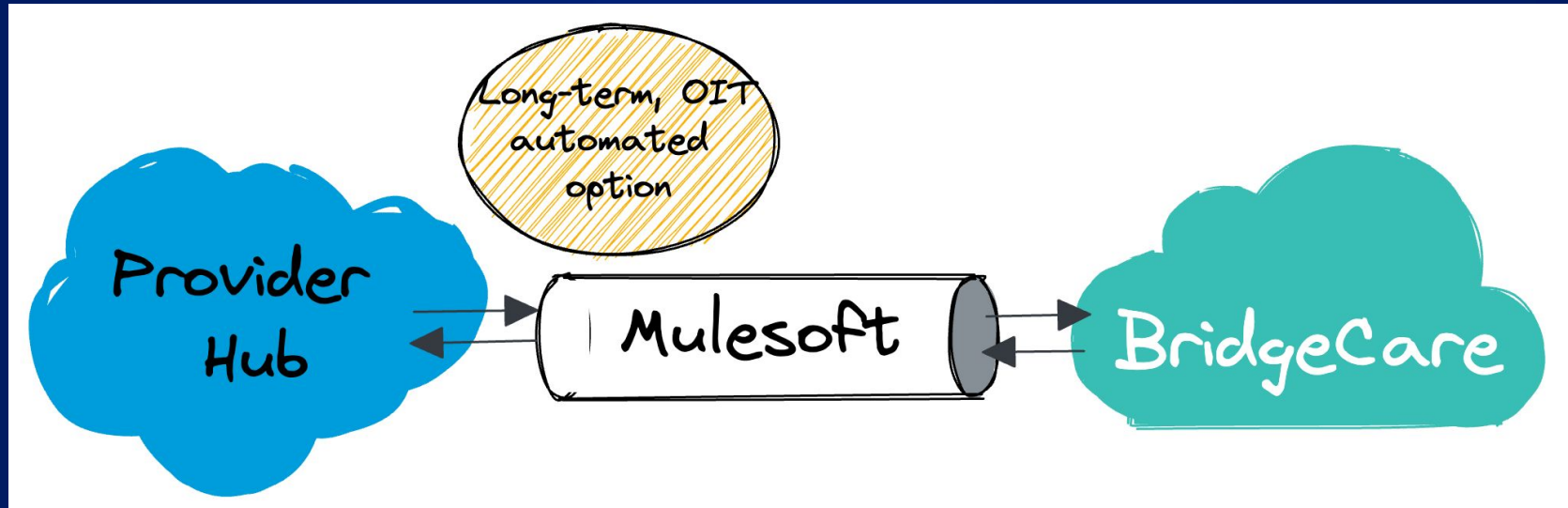
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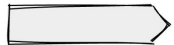

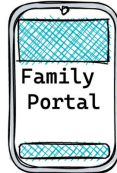


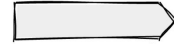
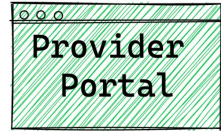




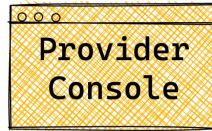


Summer 2023

February - June 2023  
Monthly Matching Process Begins

# UPK Technology - Data Integration



# UPK Technology - Authentication

User Type	Auth Methods	Portal
 Family	 Magic Link  Username + PW	
 Provider	 Magic Link  Username + PW	
 LCO	 Multi-factor Auth (MFA)	
 CDEC/UPK	 Magic Link	
	 Username + PW	
	 Single Sign-On (SSO)	

We are currently evaluating authentication options for users logging into BridgeCare.

Evaluation criteria includes:

- Security
- Ease of use
- Future-proofing
- Delivery timelines

We have finalized our decision and are now working through procurement. We will share more information about our selection at a future date.

**THANK YOU!**  
**Questions?**

