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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: EAEDC: Designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haiti

Overview

The ongoing economic and humanitarian crisis in Haiti has prompted the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate Haiti Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for an 18-month period, effective May 22, 2021, through November 22, 2022.

This designation for TPS enables Haitian nationals (and individuals without nationality who last habitually resided in Haiti and are currently residing in the United States) to file initial applications for TPS, so long as they meet eligibility requirements.

Individuals who are approved or have pending status for TPS must have documentation from USCIS verifying this temporary status. Once verified, they are considered Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) for purposes of EAEDC eligibility, and accordingly, may be eligible for EAEDC provided they meet all other EAEDC nonfinancial and financial requirements.

Unless they qualify under a different noncitizen status, individuals who are approved or pending for TPS are not eligible for SNAP or TAFDC benefits.

Purpose

This Transmittal advises staff about the designation of TPS extension for Haiti.

For the complete guidance on the EAEDC eligibility of clients claiming USCIS Temporary Protected Status, including how to enter TPS immigration status on the BEACON INS Designation page, please see the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) page within the EAEDC section of the Online Guide.

Questions

If you have any policy or procedural questions, after conferring with the appropriate TAO personnel, please have your Systems Information Specialists or TAO management email them to DTA.Procedural Issues.

Systems issues should be directed to the Systems Support Help Desk.
