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To: Department of Transitional Assistance Staff
From:  Sarah Stuart, Associate Commissioner for Change Management
Re: EAEDC: Extension and Redesignation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Yemen and Somalia

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the extension and re-designation of Yemen for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. This extension and re-designation will be in effect from September 4, 2021, through March 3, 2023.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has also announced the extension and re-designation of Somalia for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. This extension and redesignation will be in effect from September 18, 2021, through March 17, 2023.

**Overview
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These extensions and re-designations for TPS enable Yemeni and Somali nationals (and individuals without nationality who last habitually resided in Yemen and Somalia), 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 continued designation of TPS for Yemen and Somalia.

**Staff
Procedures**

For detailed policy and procedures on the EAEDC eligibility of clients with TPS, including how to enter TPS immigration status on the BEACON INS Designation page, please see the EAEDC Temporary Protected Status (TPS) page of the Online Guide found [here](#).

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.
