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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 Ethiopia

Overview

Due to the ongoing conflict-related violence and humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has designated new Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ethiopia for the 18-month period of **October 20, 2022, through April 20, 2024.**

This new designation for TPS enables Ethiopian nationals and individuals without nationality who last habitually resided in Ethiopia who 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, individuals 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.

Important: Individuals who are approved or pending for TPS are not eligible for SNAP or TAFDC benefits, **unless** they qualify under a different noncitizen status, such as Refugee.

Purpose

This Transmittal advises staff about the new designation of TPS for Ethiopia.

**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: Home > EAEDC > General Nonfinancial Requirements > Noncitizen > [Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\)](#).

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.

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