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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 Ukraine**

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**Overview**

Due to the ongoing armed conflict and extraordinary and temporary conditions in Ukraine that prevent Ukrainian nationals, and those of no nationality who last habitually resided in Ukraine, from returning to Ukraine safely, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has recently announced a new designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukraine for an 18-month period beginning on April 19, 2022 through October 19, 2023.

This TPS designation enables Ukrainian nationals (and individuals without nationality who last habitually resided in Ukraine), who have continuously resided in the United States **since** April 11, 2022, and who have been continually physically present in the United States since April 19, 2022 to file initial applications for TPS status.

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

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

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**Purpose**

This Transmittal advises staff about the extended designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukraine.

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**BEACON Updates**

Ukrainian Refugee was added to the BEACON drop list as a new Primary reason for application. For Ukrainian nationals applying with DTA benefits as a result of the current conflict, staff must select this as the reason for application and may choose an alternative secondary reason if applicable.

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**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](#).

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**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.

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