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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 Burma and Venezuela**

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**Overview**

The ongoing economic and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, has prompted the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to designate Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for an 18 month period, effective March 9, 2021, through September 9, 2022.

Additionally, due to the ongoing military coup and escalating humanitarian crisis in Burma, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that Burma has been designated for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months, effective March 11, 2021, through September 11, 2022.

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**Overview  
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These new designations for TPS, enable Burmese and Venezuelan nationals (and individuals without nationality who last habitually resided in Burma and Venezuela) 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.

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**Purpose**

This Transmittal advises staff about the designation of TPS for Venezuela and Burma.

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.

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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.

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