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

**Overview**

*This OLG T is being reissued as OLG T 2023-21A to clarify that Cuban and Haitian noncitizens with a status of TPS might qualify as Cuban/Haitian Entrants for purposes of TAFDC and SNAP eligibility.*

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the extension and re-designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. This extension and re-designation will be in effect from February 4, 2023 through August 3, 2024.

Individuals who are approved or have pending status for TPS 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 **but** might qualify under a different noncitizen status, such as Cuban/Haitian Entrant status. Accordingly, applications **from Haitian or Cuban noncitizens should not be denied based on noncitizen status prior to consulting with the Procedural Mailbox.**

**Purpose**

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

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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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