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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 Somalia

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**Overview**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced the extension and re-designation of Somalia for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months. This extension and re-designation will be in effect from March 18, 2023 through September 24, 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, **unless** they qualify under a different noncitizen status, i.e., Refugee.

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**Purpose**

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

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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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