

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Update for Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and South Sudan

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform local departments of social services (LDSS) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA) of changes to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nepal, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and South Sudan as it relates to determining an individual's immigration status for Medicaid eligibility.

Temporary Protective Status (TPS) is granted to countries by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Individuals who are nationals of a country designated for TPS are considered TPS beneficiaries. During a TPS designation period, beneficiaries are eligible to remain in the United States and can be authorized to work with an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), so long as their country continues to meet the requirements of TPS. The EAD coding for TPS beneficiaries is C19 or A12.

Generally, when a country's TPS designation period ends, nationals from that country are no longer considered TPS beneficiaries and any employment authorization they have, connected to TPS also ends. This means a TPS beneficiary may have what appears to be an unexpired EAD, but because the TPS designation for their country has ended, so has their employment authorization. Conversely, some EADs may have an expiration date in the past but remain valid due to automatic extensions related to re-registration for TPS beneficiary status. As federal changes to TPS designations continue, both situations could apply to TPS beneficiaries from countries not specifically listed in this directive. Additionally, court orders can impact the dates related to TPS beneficiary status and their EADs, which is the case for some Venezuelan TPS beneficiaries. When a consumer is applying for or renewing their Medicaid coverage and they are a TPS beneficiary, the district must review the documentation and compare it to the information provided by the Department and on the federal website: (<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>), to ensure the consumer can still be considered a TPS beneficiary.

Temporary Protected Status for Venezuela

Venezuela received two TPS designations, one in 2021 and another in 2023. The 2021 designation has ended. Due to a court order, TPS 2023 for certain Venezuelan beneficiaries remains in effect until October 2, 2026. To determine if an individual can be considered a

Venezuela 2023 TPS beneficiary, the individual needed to re-register with the federal immigration agency and will have paperwork to prove they re-registered.

To continue to be considered a Venezuela 2023 beneficiary, the individual will have:

- an EAD (annotated with code C19 or A12) with a September 10, 2025, or April 2, 2025, expiration date; and
- an I-797 Notice of Action dated before February 6, 2025, indicating their re-registration application was received before January 17, 2025.

If an individual has these documents, the I-797 Notice of Action serves to automatically extend the EAD expiration date to October 2, 2026.

Temporary Protected Status Dates for Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and South Sudan

The chart below includes the date when other TPS designations have/will end:

Country (year designated for TPS)	Termination of TPS	Expiration of EAD
Nepal (2015)	August 20, 2025	August 20, 2025
Honduras (1999)	September 8, 2025	September 8, 2025
Nicaragua (1999)	September 8, 2025	September 8, 2025
Venezuela (2021)	November 7, 2025	November 7, 2025
South Sudan (2011)	January 5, 2026	January 5, 2026
Venezuela (2023)	October 3, 2025	October 2, 2026*

*If the conditions described in "Temporary Protected Status for Venezuela" section of this directive are met.

If further clarification is needed after reviewing an individual's documentation, a SAVE request can be performed to determine if individual's TPS status is still in effect.

Further information about TPS can be found on the USCIS website using the following link: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>

Please direct any questions to your local district support liaison.