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Dear County Director of Social Services:

Subject: Temporary Protected Status for Haiti Extended for Six Months

On May 24, 2017, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced the extension of the designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for six months. This allows eligible Haitians to re-register for TPS.

Current beneficiaries of Haiti's TPS designation seeking to extend their TPS must re-register by July 24, 2017. TPS beneficiaries who re-register may request a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD). Current EADs will not be automatically extended without a new EAD request. New cards will not be reissued. Verification is solely through SAVE.

Medicaid applicants and beneficiaries must meet non-financial and financial eligibility requirements. Follow policy found in section <u>15100</u>, <u>Alien Requirements</u> in the Integrated Eligibility Manual to determine non-financial eligibility.

Additional information about TPS for Haiti, including guidance on eligibility, the application process and where to file, is available online at <u>https://www.uscis.gov/</u>

If you have any questions regarding this material, please contact the Operational Support Team (OST) at <u>ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov</u>

Sincerely,

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