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SUBJECT: Informing Social Services Districts of a Notice to Potential Class Members

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

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The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts (districts) that the attached notice is being issued by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to potential class members on August 1, 2019. The notice informs potential class members that effective October 14, 2016, OTDA changed its policy so that people with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) can receive Safety Net Assistance (SNA), if otherwise eligible. As a result of this notice, potential class members may be presenting and applying for Public Assistance (PA), otherwise known as Temporary Assistance (TA), at their local district offices. Districts should determine TA eligibility for potential class members in accordance with standard practices and procedures, including, but not limited to, verification of appropriate non-citizen status.

Districts are reminded that per [GIS 16 TA/DC053](#), OTDA recognizes non-U.S. citizens with TPS as Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) for the purposes of determining eligibility for SNA. If otherwise eligible, individuals with TPS can receive SNA. Additional information on TPS designations can be found in [GIS 18 TA/DC042](#).

For questions on determining potential class members' eligibility for TA, please contact the OTDA TA Bureau: (518) 474-9344 or by email: otda.sm.cees.tabureau@otda.ny.gov.