Update 2010-9: Common Place
Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program and Temporary Protected Status for Haitian Nationals

Background
This Update is to clarify when federal benefits and services may be provided to Haitians who are in the United States (U.S.) as a result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Policy
The following policy pertains to Haitian entrants:

Haitian Entrants
Only specified Haitians meeting the definition of a Haitian entrant may receive Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funded benefits and services, which include Entrant Cash Assistance (ECA) and Entrant Medical Assistance (EMA).

Temporary Protected Status
The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has determined that an 18-month designation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians is warranted due to the earthquake that occurred in January 2010. TPS is available to eligible nationals of Haiti or persons without nationality who last resided in Haiti and who have been in the U.S. continuously since January 12, 2010.

TPS allows individuals who were in the U.S. on or before January 12, 2010, and who are unable to return to Haiti due to the destruction and humanitarian crisis to remain in the U.S.
Benefits

Haitians granted TPS do NOT meet the definition of a Haitian entrant and are NOT eligible for:

- ORR-funded benefits and services, or
- Food Stamp benefits.

Information regarding the eligibility of Haitians with TPS for CalWORKs will be issued at a later date.

Implementation

Information contained in this Update is effective immediately.

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