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Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS message is to inform social services districts (districts) that in accordance with a June 27, 2022, Presidential Memorandum, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) extended and expanded Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for certain Liberian nationals. The Presidential Memorandum also extended employment authorization for Liberian nationals covered under DED.

DED is an administrative stay of removal ordered by the President. The authority to grant DED arises from the President's constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States (U.S.). The President can authorize DED for any reason related to this authority. DED has been authorized in situations where foreign nationals may face danger if required to return to countries experiencing political instability, conflict, or other unsafe conditions, or when there are other foreign policy reasons for allowing a designated group of foreign nationals to remain in the U.S. Although DED is not a specific immigration status, non-citizens covered by DED are not subject to removal from the U.S. for the period that they are covered under DED.

As noted on the [LDSS-4579](#): "Non-Citizen Eligibility Desk Aid," non-citizens granted DED are considered Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) by the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). If otherwise eligible, non-citizens granted DED may receive Safety Net Assistance (SNA). Non-citizens granted DED are ineligible for Family Assistance (FA), the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), unless in some other qualifying non-citizen status.

The following is a list of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) documents that Liberian nationals granted DED may present to districts:

- Form I-766, Employment Authorization Document (EAD), with a category code of A11, or
- Any other authoritative USCIS document indicating DED granted.

For any Temporary Assistance (TA) related questions, please contact the OTDA TA Bureau at: (518) 474-9344 or otda.sm.cees.tabureau@otda.ny.gov.