

Department of Public Assistance State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

The Department of Public Assistance centralized relief programs in the Commonwealth, and administered the State Board of Public Assistance and the County Boards of Assistance.

The publications of the Department of Public Assistance contain reports. Selected topics from these publications include prescription drug charges, monetary contributions, and the labor market. The bulk of the current material is dated from 1941.

Biographical / Historical

Acts of June 24, 1937 (P.L. 2003 and P.L. 2015) established a Department of Public Assistance and centralized relief and money distribution elements of state government. These acts also established the 67 county boards of assistance. The former departments of Welfare and Public Assistance became the Department of Public Welfare on June 1, 1958, as authorized by the Act of July 13, 1957 (P.L. 852).

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Department of Public Welfare (successor agency), State Emergency Relief Board (incorporated agency), Department of Welfare - Bureau of Assistance (incorporated agency)

Other Finding Aids

For more information concerning the records of the Office of Public Assistance (covering the department era into office era under the Department of Public Welfare) at the Pennsylvania State Archives, please visit: <https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=class557>.

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