Organizational History: President Franklin Roosevelt created The War Manpower Commission (WMC) in 1942. The purpose of the agency was to address labor needs and shortages created by World War II. The Physicians Procurement and Assignment Service of the WMC was responsible for classifying civilian physicians as available for service, essential for limited or unlimited duration of service, or unavailable for service. Each state was required to form a branch of the Procurement and Assignment Service. The War Manpower commission was terminated after the war ended in 1945.

Scope and Content Note: The War Manpower Commission Physicians Procurement and Assignment Service Records, 1941-1942, .25 cubic feet, consists of South Carolina county reports on physicians presented to the chairman of the state level organization. These reports include questionnaires completed by doctors to determine their status, as well as lists
of physicians and their status. The collection also includes instructions from
the Directing Board of the Physicians Procurement and Assignment Service
on determining the status of physicians. The instructions are presented first,
followed by the county reports in alphabetical order. According to the
original file structure, some files represent multiple counties.

**Related Collections:**
MSS 273 South Carolina Medical Association Notebook Compiled by Julian
Price
MSS 762 J. Hampton Hoch Papers
MSS 844 Laurie L. Brown Papers
MSS 891 William H. Hunter Papers
MSS 915 Edward F. Parker World War II Reminiscences

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Physicians Procurement and Assignment Service (South Carolina)
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**Inventory:**
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