



Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging State Waiver Form Waiver: W-001

By signing the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging's (LGOA's) State Waiver Form, the
Lower Savannah Council of Governments AAA/ADTRC

Planning and Service Area

has determined that there is a need within its planning and service area to waive an existing LGOA policy and procedure to better serve the needs of its region.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 305(a)(1)(C) authorizes the LGOA to set policies to deliver aging services in South Carolina and states that the LGOA "be primarily responsible for the planning, policy development, administration, coordination, priority setting, and evaluation of all State activities related to the objectives of this Act." The OAA and the South Carolina Code of Laws are the foundation of the aging service delivery system across the State.

In accordance with the OAA, the LGOA has established written policies and procedures to administer aging services and programs in South Carolina. The procedural protocols set by the LGOA to deliver aging services are based on Federal and State Law. However, the LGOA acknowledges that the Planning and Service Area (PSA) could determine that there may be an extenuating circumstance regionally which results in a PSA generating a waiver.

State Waivers, which allow the PSA to operate outside the written policies and procedures of the LGOA, will not be accepted if it is determined that the waiver conflicts with the OAA or South Carolina law. A State Waiver is for up to a one-year period, terminating on June 30th. The LGOA reserves the right to invalidate waivers that amend its policies and procedures at any time.

The PSA and its Executive Director assume all legal responsibility and liability for the procedural and operational practices associated with this waiver, and will be held accountable for any consequences that might result from this waiver being enacted. The multiple parties associated with the State Waiver are required to follow all established LGOA policies and procedures for data collection in order to accurately track and record client data. The PSA will be responsible for fulfilling all other areas of LGOA policies and procedures operations not covered by this waiver.

The LGOA will not reimburse the PSA for unearned funding: Performance outcome requirements set through contractual agreements in the planning and service area are the legal responsibility of the PSA. The PSA is responsible for ensuring that its service providers/contractors earn their funding in accordance to the OAA and LGOA policies and procedures. If it is determined that funding is not being earned, or that data is not being accurately tracked, the PSA will be expected to execute a thorough review of the service provider's/contractor's operations which could result in a thirty (30) day Corrective Action Plan to bring the multiple parties into OAA and LGOA compliance.

PSA Requesting Waiver:	Lower Savannah Council of Governments AAA/ADTRC
Type of Waiver Requested	Days per week a congregate site operates
Date the Waiver is Requested to cover:	

Is this a waiver consideration on behalf of the PSA or the Provider/Contractor?	On behalf of the Contractor
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	Sheryl Jeffcoat, Orangeburg County Council on Aging

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	North Congregate Meal Site
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	Sheryl Jeffcoat 803-531-4663 or sheryl@sc.rr.com

What type of waiver is being requested? Please specify what action plans and protocol steps the PSA has taken to assist the Service/Provider Contractor to comply with the requirements of the OAA, AoA and LGOA and the duration of the assistance given.

Since the North Site in Orangeburg County opened in the 1990s it has always been a one day a week (Tuesday) Site. We are requesting a waiver to keep the North Site a one day a week site. Orangeburg County Council on Aging currently operates 5 congregate meal sites in Oranburg County with only the North Site being a one day a week site.

Please state what specific challenges the PSA and Service Provider/Contractor encountered and why they were unable to successfully perform the requirements of the PSA, AoA, OAA and LGOA which necessitated the need for this waiver.	
Challenges	Reason Unable Perform the Requirement
There is currently not enough funding to operate the North Site as a 5 day a week site. The Orangeburg County Council on Aging allocates a good portion of their local funding to the congregate meal program but does not have the funding to make the North Congregate Meal Site a 5 day a week site.	Funding

What do you anticipate the positive results or benefits of the waiver will be if granted?

As stated before the North Site has always been a one day a week site. The attendance is between 30-35 seniors each week.

What do you anticipate the negative consequences of not granting the waiver will be?

The North Site will close.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	This site has always been a one day a week site and has been actively attended during this time.
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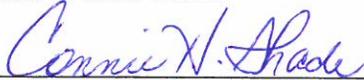
I would not say the waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements since funding is the reason the site only operates for one day a week.

What steps will the PSA take to ensure that the Provider/Contractor adheres to the contracts signed with the PSA to provide services, functions, and activities required for OAA and LGOA funding, in addition to this waiver?

Orangeburg County Council on Aging has always been in compliance with their contract with Lower Savannah Council of Governments.

Additional comments or information needed to support waiver request:

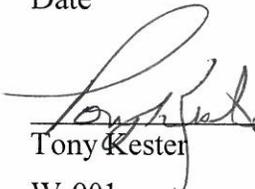
By signing this document, I certify that the waiver will be implemented as described above in this State Waiver Form.



Planning Service Area Director

7-16-13

Date


Tony Kester

 Approved

Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director

_____ Not Approved

7-24-13
Date

The waiver form should be sent to:

Gerry Dickinson, Policy Manager
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging
1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

All Approved State Waivers will be listed on the LGOA website, per Section 210 of the South Carolina Aging Network's Policies and Procedures Manual regarding State Waivers.

Dickinson, Gerry

From: Mary Beth Fields <mfields@lscog.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:09 AM
To: Dickinson, Gerry
Cc: Lynnda Bassham; Connie Shade; Frances Owens; Kelley Hayes
Subject: RE: waiver

In SFY 2012-2013, we contracted with the Orangeburg County Council on Aging for 20,673 units and they served 33,479 with the local funding they put into the program which is an average of 133.92 congregate meals per day. In SFY 2013-2014, we are contracting with the Orangeburg County Council on Aging for 25,133 congregate meal units. Currently the Orangeburg County Council on Aging has 4-- five day a week meal sites. These sites are required to serve 25 meals per day for an average of 250 serving days which is 25,000 units. The Orangeburg County Council on Aging is putting \$72,995 of local funding into the congregate meal program this year to keep up with the SFY 2012-2013 congregate meal participation. The North Site is only open one day a week currently. I don't see how the Orangeburg County Council on Aging can open the North meal site five days a week. They simply don't have any more local funds to put into the program. Please let me know if you have any more questions. Mary Beth

From: Dickinson, Gerry [<mailto:gdickinson@aging.sc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2013 8:14 AM
To: Mary Beth Fields
Cc: Beard, Rene
Subject: waiver

Dear Mary Beth,

I have shared your waiver request for North with Tony and he had the following question. With new funding in July, is there a way that service can be expanded, making the waiver unnecessary?

I look forward to your response.

Thanks
Gerry

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