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

Vantage Point (Region 7), a division of CareSouth Carolina
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:	CareSouth Carolina (Region 7)
Type of Waiver Requested	Group Dining Participant Waiver - less than 25 participants
Date the Waiver is Requested to cover:	July 01, 2013 thru June 30, 2014

Is this a waiver consideration on behalf of the PSA or the Provider/Contractor?	Darlington County Council on Aging (Provider/Contractor
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	Jackie Anderson, ED

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	Lamar Nutrition Center
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	843.393.8521 or dccoa@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.
Group Dining Participant Waiver - less than 25 participants. The PSA has talked with the Mayor and City Council on several occassions regarding the limited number of participants at this site. When you consider the financial support that the township provides, (they contribute the building, utilities and provide the van and transportation). Stating that it is not cost effective to keep this site open with less than 25 is not a true evaluation. We will continue to promote the location to senior in this area to achieve the 25 participants.

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
Serving 25 participants	Small distant coummunity with limited transportation.

What do you anticipate the positive results or benefits of the waiver will be if granted?
Daily hot meals will be served to a very rural area thus reaching and serving seniors throughout the county. Cost is actually reduced by the townships contributions. Transporting those seniors to another senior center will increase cost and reduce the number of units served. Serving a daily hot meal allows the senior to be seen five days a week. It allows them to participate in activities, receive health and nutrition information and education information regarding senior services. Most importantly it helps to reduce their isolation and promotes socialization which reduces the need for institutionalization.

What do you anticipate the negative consequences of not granting the waiver will be?
1. This is the only nutritional meal that most seniors eat all day. 2. Discontinuing group dining services in this community will increase poor nutrition and hunger. 3. The majority of the seniors count on this meal to supplement their limited funds for food. 4. No other nutritional or transportation resources are available in there area. 5. Closing of this nutrition site will cause a loss of valuable in-kind and community support. Closing this site based on numbers alone will be telling the participant and the community that their needs are not important even though they contribute the building, utilities and provide their own transportation.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	The assessment process allows the PSA to monitor the improvement or decline of a clients educational, nutritional, physical and mental wellbeing. This information is used to determine what services the client may or may not need assistance in securing.
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?	
The PSA constantly utilizes desktop monitoring of a contractors finances as well as Annual Quality Assurance review. CSC/ADRC staff periodically provide education, nutrition, and health information to the site. We conduct annual senior center/group dining site assessments, unannounced site visits and sanitation inspections throughout the year. The PSA provides technical assistance and training throughout the year to contractors and the staff. We assure that all sites have an annual fire inspection and that staff practice emergency drills. All contractor staff are trained in Firstaid, CPR and Disaster Preparedness.	
Additional comments or information needed to support waiver request:	
Most of the cost to operate the Lamar Nutrition Site is supported by in-kind, which reduces the operating cost to a very nominal cost. The in-kind from the Town and County to support Lamar site include: ☐ In-kind transportation ☐ In-kind van maintenance and gas ☐ In-Kind facility rent ☐ In-kind utilities ☐ In- kind building and ground maintenance Federal and State dollars are used to support the meals, and a staff of two. The support of the in-kind greatly offsets the total operating cost for this site. Transporting the seniors to another nutrition site, which would be an additional 50 – 75 miles per day, would greatly increase operating expenses: ☐ The purchase of a van would be required.	

- ☐ Added cost of staff personnel for driving would be required.
- ☐ Added cost for maintenance of a van.
- ☐ Added cost for gas expenses of a van.
- ☐ Loss of community support and in-kind.
- ☐ Transporting seniors the additional miles would put seniors riding on a van an additional two to three hours per day.

The added cost would only reduce the meals to the seniors in Darlington County and increase our waiting list of seniors needing food. Without adequate food, senior's health will decline and there will be an increase in healthcare cost, greater financial needs on families, greater demand and expense of nursing home facilities that will burden the State and communities.

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

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Planning Service Area Director

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Date

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Tony Kester
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director

✓ Approved

_____ Not Approved

8-23-13
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.