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(Pee Dee ADRC), 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.

CareSouth Carolina (Region 7)	CareSouth Carolina (Region 7)
Type of Waiver Requested	**LGOA 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?	**Provider/Contractor**
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	**Chesterfield County Council on Aging \Donna Rivers**

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	**Pageland Nutrition Site**
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	**Donna Rivers Director 843-623-2280**

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.

CCCOA continues to do outreach in the county by placing information on Cable info channel, newspapers, and speaking to groups, churches and making other agencies aware of our services that are available in the county.

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
Seniors that have family to come visit, we have seniors raising grandchildren, doctor visits,	**the clients have other things that come up and prevents them from participating daily. We do outreach and encourage participation but can not make them come in.**

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

we will be able to focus on providing the highest quality of service for the participating clients without having to focus all of our energy and time on the phone trying to find backup individuals to come in and participate for the day.

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

We do not anticipate any negative consequences as we will continue to work on getting the client particiation increased at our sites by continued Outreach.

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:

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

Planning Service Area Director

Date

Tony Kester
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director

Date

✓ Approved

____ Not Approved

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.