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 5 days per week
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?	Senior Citizens Association of Florence County-Provider/Contractor
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	Linda Mitchell Johnson,ED

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	Pamplico Group Dining Sites
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	600 Senior Way Florence, SC 29505 (843) 669 6761

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

Group Dining Participant Waiver - less than 25

The Pamplico site operates two (2) days a w been directed to both communities such as community with key and leaders about funding to be able to operate the sites for five (5) days a week.

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
Expand services for an additional three days in Pamplico.	Funding and reliable location if expand numbers of days in Pamplico.

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

Continual participation of over 35 to 40 seniors coming to a group site for a nutrious meal and socialization. The site also encourage other seniors to attend, we started off with 25 initially.

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

Isolation, health decline and increase potential of senior moving to a higher level of care as a nursing home, assisted living, etc.

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.
6. Closing this site based on numbers alone will be telling the participant and the community that their needs are not important even though they participate everyday the site is open.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	**Keeping seniors in their home as long as possible shows**

	improvements & independence.
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:
We feel seniors attending a group dining site at least two days a week is better than not attending at all. The Pamplico group dining sites makes a difference in this community because it allows seniors to get out of their homes and interact with others in the same age group. Our clients enjoy nutritious meals and planned activities at these sites because of the limited to no known type of activities in these communities. Also the closest senior center to these rural communities is approximately 25 miles or more and other barriers such as transportation present a great challenge.

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.