

ABSTRACT

The State of South Carolina is applying for this demonstration grant to target elderly and/or physically disabled adults that would be eligible and prefer to transition from institutional care to home and community-based care. The State previously was awarded a nursing home transition grant and over the course of three and a half years, transitioned a total of 90 consumers. Additionally, the State has received three other Real Choice grants that have been used to build and modify its long term care infrastructure. This grant would allow the State to build on its past success transitioning individuals to home and community-based care.

The State is proposing to utilize services found in the *Community Choices* waiver as its base of support in the home and community setting. In addition, two demonstration services, adult foster care and transition nursing services, will be added. It is believed the adult foster care service will help address residential issues that sometimes impede individuals from accessing home and community-based services. The transition nursing service will be utilized to help train and educate both families and the consumers returning to the community from a nursing facility. Finally, the State is proposing to add one supplemental demonstration service: Adaptive Devices. The State believes this one-time service will help individuals modify their environment so that they are able to make a smooth transition to home and community-based care. The request is for a four year demonstration period preceded by a nine month pre-implementation phase during which time the State will engage in formal planning and development. This planning will involve needed stakeholders in developing the operational changes necessary to perform the grant.