

To be qualified to provide health home services in NJ an agency must first meet several minimum requirements to be eligible.

- An applicant agency must be licensed by DHS as a mental health services provider agency.
- An applicant agency must be an approved New Jersey Medicaid provider.
- An applicant agency must serve residents of the target county (ies). At least 80% of applicant agency's current consumers must target county residents.
- An applicant agency's licensed and intended site of the service must be in the target county.
- Applicant provider agency leadership must identify willingness and capacity to create and implement process change with the goal of creating and/or enhancing integrated treatment services and developing a BHH.
- An applicant agency must complete a DMHAS sponsored BHH Learning Community.

Upon completion of a DMHAS sponsored BHH Learning Community, a prospective provider will submit a health home workplan. A site visit with a DMHAS representative will occur at the prospective health home to review the facility, policies, procedures, and treatment activities. Upon meeting DMHAS-specific criterion, the agency will be awarded a provisional certification. The provisional certification will be valid for one year. A provisional certification can be granted for a second year if the provider again meets DMHAS-specific criterion. A provisional certification will not be granted beyond a second year. At the conclusion of the second year, a provider must become accredited or certified or recognized by a DMHAS approved national accrediting body. Upon achieving national accreditation, certification, or recognition and meeting DMHAS-specific criterion, an agency will be granted a full certification by DMHAS. The full certification will be valid for three years. Within that three year period, an agency must become and maintain either fully co-located or partially co-located primary medical care.