

In New York, the Office of Mental Health (OMH), the State's oversight entity for Mental Health, and the Department of Health (DOH), the Medicaid agency, developed consistent standards for payment during the first two years of the transition to ensure financial stability for organizations transitioning to contracting and Managed Care. The State also developed standard requirements for utilization management and contracting that applied to all Managed Care organizations to assure there were no limitations or administrative hurdles that could be barriers to individuals with BH conditions accessing needed services.

The State of New York developed Special Needs Plans (SNPs) for individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI). Health And Recovery Plans (HARPs) provide enhanced Health Home-level care management for eligible individuals and cover a more robust set of benefits, which include Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) to ensure wraparound community-based supports for individuals with qualifying diagnoses