Mental Health & Addiction Services
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The Approved Mental Health Homes are licensed by The Saskatoon Health Region under the Mental Health Services Act. The homes provide residential services to persons with long-term psychiatric disorders. The goal of the Approved Mental Health Home Program is to provide family living for persons who need it. The home must be the principal residence of the operator and meet health and fire regulations as well as offer adequate space and freedom to use the home amenities. The operator must be of suitable character, must be reliable and responsible, willing and able to help clients in the home with emotional support and to provide supervision and advocacy when needed. Good food, medication management, self-help, skill teaching and encouragement are all important aspects of an approved home.

In the Saskatoon Health Region, a Mental Health Approved Home may be licensed for a maximum of five clients. Each home shall be licensed for either all female or all male residents. While we accept and keep all applications on hand, we do not open new homes unless there is a need to do so. When the need arises, we will short list the applications and invite a few applicants for a panel interview with the Residential Services Advisory Committee.

Once approved by the Committee, an applicant must submit a *Criminal Record Check* with a Vulnerable Sector Search for each person over the age 18 years that is living in the home (other than clients). The A *Fire Inspection* must be completed by the Fire Department. Although, currently overhead sprinklers are *not* required, the furnace room must be fire-rated. Fire extinguishers are required on all floor levels. All bedrooms must have hard-wired, interconnected smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Inspection needs to be renewed every 3 years. A *Health Inspection* must also be completed and submitted.

A *floor plan* of the home in which all rooms and window sizes are indicated is required. The applicants must designate which bedrooms are to be used for the clients and which bedrooms are for their own personal use. The fire escape routes and exits must be clearly marked on the floor plan.

The room and window sizes are as follows:

▪ 1 private bedroom	Must have a minimum useable floor space, (excluding floor space in closets, hallway, and means of egress) of at least 7.2 square meters and 6 square meters where built in closets are provided. The bedroom must be at least 2.75 meters wide.
▪ Dining room area	Minimum 13 square feet per person
▪ Living room/social/recreational	Minimum 20 square feet per person
▪ Windows	Minimum 15" x 36¼", unobstructed surface, screens must be easily removed

The applicants must be certified in CPR/First Aid and have taken a Food Safe Course. We provide ongoing training courses for the operators. New operators must attend an orientation program which spans across the first probationary year. In addition, Residential Services provides two one day seminars per year; it is an obligation of the operator to attend at least one of these seminars per year. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Please feel free to call if you require more information. You may reach us at 655-4590.