

## HIPAA INFORMATION SOURCES

### **HIPAA – The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**

This federal law provides stringent framework for health care professions in the handling of private, confidential, and personally identifiable health information. The text of this law is provided at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) web site: [www.aspe.hhs.gov/admnsimp/p1104191.htm](http://www.aspe.hhs.gov/admnsimp/p1104191.htm)

Because licensing boards do not administer the provisions of HIPAA, board staff members are not experts in providing guidance to licensees with regard to HIPAA compliance. State and national professional associations have taken the lead on helping psychologists understand and comply with HIPAA. Licensees with questions regarding HIPAA are encouraged to seek information through the following resources:

- Ohio Psychological Association: [www.ohpsych.org](http://www.ohpsych.org)
- The American Psychological Association: [www.apa.org](http://www.apa.org)
- Health and Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services: [www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/hipaa) – click on “Administrative Simplification” link
- Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights: [www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/)