

## **HIPAA RESOURCES**

*These links may be of help in gaining a deeper knowledge of HIPAA*

*The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was enacted by the U.S. Congress in 1996. Title II of HIPAA requires the establishment of national standards for electronic health care transactions and national identifiers for providers, health insurance plans, and employers. It also addresses the security and privacy of health data.*

**For an overview of HIPAA Privacy Rules from the NYS Office of Mental Health, go to**

[http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/hipaa/phi\\_protection.html](http://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/hipaa/phi_protection.html)

**For general information on HIPAA from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services:**

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/HIPAAGenInfo/index.html?redirect=/hipaaGenInfo/>

**For a chart for determining whether an individual or organization is a “covered entity” under HIPAA**

<http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA-Administrative-Simplification/HIPAAGenInfo/Downloads/CoveredEntitycharts.pdf>

**To obtain a HIPAA manual for small practices:**

Bruce Hillowe, JD, PhD, *HIPAA Compliance Manual for Small Mental Health Practices in New York State (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*. Updated in 2010, after the HITECH Act. Contains forms, including a CD version, for use in a private psychotherapy practice. Valuable general source on policies and procedures. Can be ordered through his office at (800-286-0369) or from his website: [www.brucehillowe.com](http://www.brucehillowe.com).

**For a short article**, “Frequently Asked Questions Regarding HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules” written by NYSSCSW member David Phillips, LCSW, go to [www.nysscsw.org/vendorship-a-managed-care](http://www.nysscsw.org/vendorship-a-managed-care).

**For Medicaid resources from the NYS Department of Education:**

[http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/resources/hippa\\_ferpa/home.html](http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/resources/hippa_ferpa/home.html)

**For a Medicaid Handbook from New York State Department of Education:**

[http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/handbook/handbook\\_6/hipaa\\_ferpa\\_guidebook\\_6.pdf](http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/handbook/handbook_6/hipaa_ferpa_guidebook_6.pdf)