U.S. Health Information Privacy and Security (HIPAA) Rules

Behavior analysts who provide healthcare services in the United States and meet the legal definition of a “covered entity” (see link below) must comply with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) rules to protect individually identifiable information about their clients’ health. Links to sources of essential information about HIPAA rules are provided here.

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - Health Information Privacy main site:
http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/

Information for covered entities and business associates (includes a tool for determining if your organization is a covered entity):
http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/coveredentities/index.html

Required security risk assessment for covered entities:
http://www.healthit.gov/providers-professionals/security-risk-assessment