

**4652.0140 VARIANCES.**

Subpart 1. **Data from other sources.** On a request by a group purchaser or on the commissioner's own initiative, the commissioner shall determine whether to use data from other sources instead of collecting data required by this chapter. To make this determination, the commissioner shall consider whether:

- A. the data from other sources are duplicative of data required under this chapter;
- B. the data from other sources are available at a reasonable cost;
- C. the commissioner has the resources readily available to use the data from other sources; and
- D. the commissioner will be able to use the data from other sources to meet all statutory data collection, analysis, and privacy requirements.

Subp. 2. **Aggregate reporting for systems.** An organization operating a group purchaser which is part of a system of group purchasers, hospitals, or clinics may request to report to the commissioner for all components of the system as an aggregate. If the commissioner determines that the commissioner will be able to use the data from the system as an aggregate to meet all statutory data collection, analysis, and privacy requirements, then the commissioner shall grant the request.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 62J.321*

**History:** *20 SR 2185*

**Published Electronically:** *July 10, 2002*