

**4640.0400 HOSPITAL PLANNING.**

When any individual or group in a given locality believes a need exists for a hospital and would like to investigate the need for and the possibilities of such a hospital, the commissioner of health shall be so notified in writing. The commissioner of health shall thereupon make available to such body all of the latest information relative to hospital needs in that hospital area. Nothing in these rules shall prohibit the development of a hospital in any location, provided such hospital meets the standards of construction, equipment, licensing, maintenance, and operation as prescribed in these rules.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 144.55; 144.56*

**History:** *L 1977 c 305 s 39*

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