

**PRACTICE OF MEDICINE  
ACROSS STATE LINES (TELEMEDICINE)  
PRACTICE DESCRIPTION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

There are certain requirements for physicians to practice medicine across state lines (Telemedicine) in Oregon, as stated in the statutes and administrative rules. In order to ensure that the provisions of the Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 677, and the Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 847, are followed, the Board needs a description of how you intend to practice medicine across state lines.

**1. In which state, Canadian province, or country will you be located when you practice on Oregon patients?**

**2. In what manner will you be communicating with your Oregon patients (telephone, e-mail, Internet, video-conference)?**

**3. Describe how you will establish a physician-patient relationship with each patient prior to diagnosis, treating, correcting or prescribing for a patient in Oregon from the state, province or country where you are located.**

**4. Describe the manner in which you intend to practice medicine across state lines in Oregon.**

**OREGON MEDICAL BOARD  
OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES - DIVISION 025**

**RULES FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE ACROSS STATE LINES**

**847-025-0000**

**Preamble**

(1) A physician granted a license to practice medicine across state lines is subject to all the provisions of the Medical Practice Act (ORS Chapter 677), and to all the administrative rules of the Oregon Medical Board.

(2) A physician granted a license to practice medicine across state lines has the same duties and responsibilities and is subject to the same penalties and sanctions as any other physician licensed under ORS Chapter 677, including but not limited to the following:

(a) The physician shall establish a physician-patient relationship;

(b) The physician shall make a judgment based on some type of objective criteria upon which to diagnose, treat, correct or prescribe;

(c) The physician shall engage in all necessary practices that are in the best interest of the patient; and

(d) The physician shall refrain from writing prescriptions for medication resulting only from a sale or consultation over the Internet.

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**Definitions**

(1) "The practice of medicine across state lines" means:

(a) The direct rendering to a person of a written or otherwise documented medical opinion concerning the diagnosis or treatment of that person located within Oregon for the purpose of patient care by a physician located outside Oregon as a result of the transmission of individual patient data by electronic or other means from within Oregon to that physician or the physician's agent outside Oregon; or

(b) The direct rendering of medical treatment to a person located within Oregon by a physician located outside Oregon as a result of the outward transmission of individual patient data by electronic or other means from within this state to that physician or the physician's agent outside the state.

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**Exemptions**

(1) A license to practice across state lines is not required of a physician:

(a) Engaging in the practice of medicine across state lines in an emergency (ORS 677.060 (3)), or

(b) Located outside this state who consults with another physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, and who does not undertake the primary responsibility for diagnosing or rendering treatment to a patient within this state;

(c) Located outside the state and has an established physician-patient relationship with a person who is in Oregon temporarily and who requires the direct medical treatment by that physician.

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**Limitations**

(1) A license for the practice of medicine across state lines does not permit a physician to practice medicine in the state of Oregon except when engaging in the practice of medicine across state lines.

(2) A license to practice medicine across state lines is not a limited license per ORS 677.132.

(3) A physician issued a license to practice medicine across state lines shall not:

(a) Act as a dispensing physician as described in ORS 677.010 (5);

(b) Treat a person within this state for intractable pain, per ORS 677.470, ORS 677.489;

(c) Act as a supervising physician of an Oregon licensed Physician Assistant as defined in ORS 677.495 (4);

(d) Act as a supervising physician of an Oregon-certified First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician as defined in ORS

682.245;

(e) Be eligible for any tax credit provided by ORS 316.076;

(f) Participate in the Rural Health Services Program under ORS 442.550 to 442.570; or

(g) Assert a lien for services under ORS 87.555.

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**Qualifications**

(1) To qualify for a license to practice medicine across state lines:

(a) An out-of-state physician must hold a full, unrestricted license to practice medicine in any other state, must not have been the recipient of a previous disciplinary or other actions by any other state or jurisdiction; or

(b) An out-of-state physician who has been the recipient of previous disciplinary or other action by any state or jurisdiction may be issued a license for the practice of medicine across state lines if the Board finds that the previous disciplinary or other action does not indicate that the physician is a potential threat to the public interest, health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the state of Oregon; and

(c) Must otherwise meet the standards of licensure under ORS 677.

(2) An out-of-state physician would not qualify for a license to practice medicine across state lines if the applicant is the subject of a pending investigation by a state medical board or another state or federal agency.

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**Application**

(1) (a) When applying for a license to practice medicine across state lines, the physician shall submit to the Board the completed application, fees, documents, letters, and any other information required by the Board for physician (MD/DO) licensure as stated in OAR 847, Division 020.

(b) A description of the applicant's intended practice of medicine across state lines in the state of Oregon.

(2) A physician applying for a license to practice medicine across state lines who has not completed the licensure process within a 12 month consecutive period shall file a new application, documents, letters and pay a full filing fee as if filing for the first time.

**OAR 847-025-0060**

**Medical Records and Personal Appearance**

A physician granted a license to practice medicine across state lines shall:

(1) Comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations in this state governing the maintenance of patient medical records, including patient confidentiality requirements, regardless of the state where the medical records of any patient within this state are maintained; and

(2) Produce patient medical records or other materials as requested by the Board and appear before the Board following receipt of a written notice issued by the Board. Failure of the physician to appear or to produce records or materials as requested shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action per ORS 677.190.