Practice of Medicine Across State Lines (Telemedicine)
Practice Description Form
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There are specific requirements for physicians to practice medicine across state lines (Telemedicine) in Oregon, as stated in Oregon statutes and administrative rules. In order to ensure that the provisions of these statutes and rules are followed, please provide the following descriptions 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) If you will be working through a Telemedicine company, please provide the name and location.

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

4) 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.

5) Describe the manner in which you intend to practice medicine in Oregon.

Signature ___________________________________________ Date _______________
Rules for licensure to practice medicine across state lines

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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
“The practice of medicine across state lines” means:
(1) 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
(2) 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
A license to practice across state lines is not required of a physician:
(1) Engaging in the practice of medicine across state lines in an emergency (ORS 677.060 (3)), or
(2) 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;
(3) 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);