

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? *I believe so.*

*On S.S. I would not be able to purchase an aid from a licenced practitioner and hearing evaluations are not covered by Medicare.*

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

*I was told by a medical Dr. that I needed two aids. \$2600+. I purchased a \$495.00 aid that is better and have had good results for the last 5 yrs.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? *No.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

*Yes definitely*

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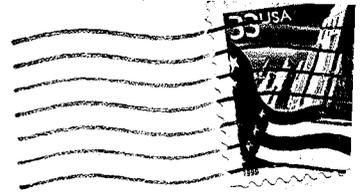
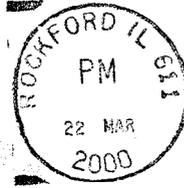
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