

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?

Yes, I firmly believe a hearing test is unnecessary before being allowed to purchase a hearing aid. I use mail order aids to "back up" as a second pair of aids. Also, I am able to get water proof aids for a reasonable cost & believe I should be able to get them without a medical exam or hearing test.

FDA should pay for the exam if they require one!

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 have had far more difficulty with the "in office" aids in getting them adjusted than with the mail order aids. When I ordered aids & needed to make an exchange the Excel Company exchanged the aids at no cost & they were quite prompt.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

I do not believe my Constitutional Right should be taken away. I want to decide for myself regarding medical exams & treatment.

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

I should be allowed to purchase hearing aids whenever & wherever I choose.

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