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Suite 290  
St. Louis, MO 63109  
**314-481-6005**

## St. Charles

2085 Bluestone Dr., Suite 204  
St. Charles, MO 63303  
**636-946-8111**

## North County

5992 Howdershell, Suite 202  
Hazelwood, MO 63042  
**314-731-1333**

## West County

Town & Country Medical Bldg.  
2821 N. Ballas & Clayton Rd.  
Suite 100  
St. Louis, MO 63131  
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## South County

Tesson Park Medical Building  
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St. Louis, MO 63128  
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## Union, MO

BJC  
Franklin County Medical  
Outreach Campus  
1780 Old Highway 50E, Suite 101  
Union, MO 63084  
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**1-800-272-1101**

## Warrenton, MO

Claybrook Professional Plaza  
1428 N. Highway 47, Suite B  
Warrenton, MO 63383  
**636-456-7666**  
**1-800-272-1101**

## Troy, MO

Doctor's Professional Building  
1173 East Cherry  
Troy, MO 63379  
**636-528-2111**  
**1-800-272-1101**

## Swansea, IL

#15 Bronze Pointe North  
Swansea, IL 62226  
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**1-800-924-8111**

October 10, 2000

Honorable Donna Shalala  
Secretary of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 615F  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

As a hearing health care provider, I write with respect to hearing aids. As the AARP has confirmed, hearing aids are highly effective but dramatically underutilized medical devices.

I am very concerned with reports that the Food and Drug Administration has reportedly sent to you a proposal for revising the current regulations governing the dispensing of hearing aids in this country that would dramatically increase the cost of hearing health care services and restrict access to hearing health care providers. Please stop and carefully consider the impact that this proposed rule will have on the nation's hearing impaired and on the nation's small business hearing aid specialists. In particular, please ensure that any proposed rule meets the obligations of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act.

Hearing impairment is a major health care concern. Please don't allow the FDA to put for their proposed rule that would impede access to needed hearing health care services for millions of Americans.

Sincerely yours,

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