

Attention FDA P1:42

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 receive a semi-annual physical exam by my doctor, which also includes checking my ears. Why must I have more?

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 ...

Several years ago I had a complete audio check by an licensed Audiologist, he determined that I needed two hearing aids. At considerable expence I was fitted with two Audibel CE models. One gave me trouble from the start, with fuzzy and raspy sounds at higher volumes. After (contin

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

I SHOULD
4. ~~Should I~~ be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *IF I CHOOSE, WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE FROM SOME GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION THAT WOULD LIKE A MONOPOLY*

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sending it back to the factory, I was told there was nothing wrong. Because of the discomfort cause by these sounds, I used these aids very sparingly for the next (less than) three years. At which time the volume control on one gave out. A factory repair I was told would cost close to \$300. I then turned to 'Excel Hearing Solutions', I was able to purchase two new aids, for slightly more than the cost of the repair price of one aid. These new aids from 'Excel' are smaller, fit more comfortable, and perform better than the ones purchased from an Audiologist, and they cost a fraction of the price of my old ones. If people like 'Excel' are put out of business, then a lot of low income seniors will suffer with hearing problems they can't afford to correct.

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