

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?

No, I should not be forced to take a medical exam

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 to travel 200 miles to have my hearing tested and then get rip off with high price hearing aids that don't work any better then mail order.

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 I took a exam 2 years before I order hearing aids by mail. where I took my exam they would fit me with hearing aids that cost \$1200. a piece I can't afford that, so went with out, until I saw mail order for a lot less

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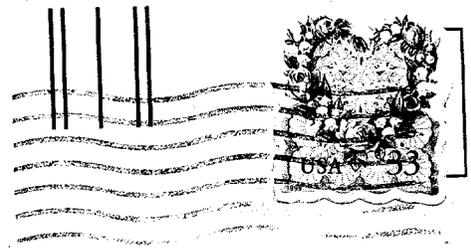
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