

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! The cost of medical care is high enough already. If they require a medical exam, they should pay for it.

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 ...

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

Absolutely not!

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

Yes, I had an evaluation in Auburn University's Audio Lab. They did not help me at all, but I've been completely satisfied with my hearing aid I purchased by mail.

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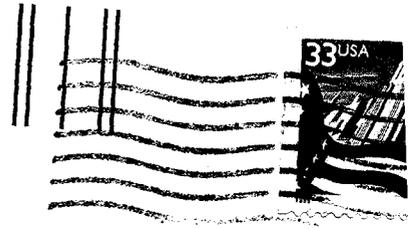
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