

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?

I have been using hearing aids for approximately twenty-five years. I know whether or not I can hear with a specific aid.

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 ...

My first two aids were sold to me by an ENT specialist. He sold me what was most profitable for him.

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 wish to have someone tell me what they think I should have. I am the ultimate user and judge.

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

My experience in the competitive mail order market place has been completely satisfactory.

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