

# 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 dont need to be told I need a hearing aid.  
I have had a hearing test and I dont want the  
FDA to 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?

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

*Absolutely - It is the only way I can afford hearing aids. If you want to investigate something - find out why a tiny hearing aid should cost more than a TV set or a top line computer. There cannot possibly be more than \$4500 worth of material in a hearing aid*

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*So why such a big markup in price*

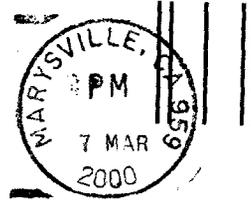
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