

# 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?

*Forcing a person to have a medical exam or a hearing test before a hearing aid purchase is akin to filing a law suit - yes, the FDA should pay for the tests. No, I do not wish the FDA to intrude on my choices.*

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 do not drive. I'm 67 years old, of sound mind, and my hearing aid dealer visits our home twice yearly to clean + check my aids, and hearing. I would be very inconvenienced and disappointed to not have this trusted audiologist to depend on, year after year. (no charge)*

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

*No. We still have some freedoms left. No one should fear losing this, among many others in the past ten years.*

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

*Yes. There is a money back guarantee, and Excel's reputation is to be trusted. I can believe in their customer pleasing service. Most reputable companies have a guarantee and a trial period if one isn't. Completely satisfied*

Signed by:

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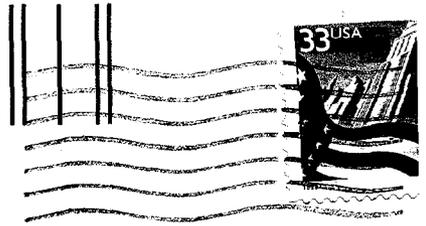
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