

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?

*Answer to first question: NO!
" " second " : in that desperate instance, YES!*

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?

It should NOT!

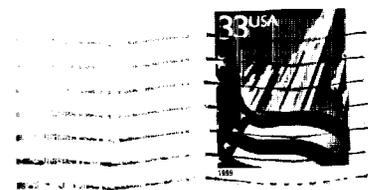
4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *Absolutely! I cannot afford the "big name" products. For years I have been more than satisfied with the excellent product and service of Excel Hearing Solutions in DeKalb, Illinois. Their reasonable cost and their payment plan were just what I was lacking for.*

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