

# 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 - I have worn a hearing aid since 1960. I should be able to sign a waiver before purchasing a new 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 ...

*I don't have a car and no good doctor right now to go to for hearing test. They also charge plenty.*

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

*No*

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

*Yes. It's almost impossible for me to find a hearing aid <sup>dealer</sup> or audiologist close. I am 80 yrs old. I have been getting beautiful aids from mail order service for yrs.*

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*Plus Hearing aid Dealers in mean charge outrageous prices for new Hearing aids.*

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