

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?

Absolutely not!! The FDA has no viable role in hearing aid sourcing or examinations for same.

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 father, who is 96 years old, has used mail order hearing aids as a matter of convenience and value for many years. He is bed ridden in a nursing home.

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

The FDA should not be involved in this process in any way! It is called "Freedom of Choice!"

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

Absolutely! This is a free country and I, alone, am responsible for my choice; not some bureaucratic government agency!

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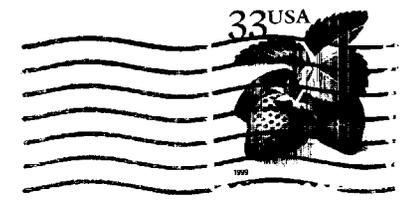
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