

# 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, if I am paying for my hearing aids I don't want FDA intervention.*

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?

*No*

*Please F.D.A., stay out of this, I can't afford any more protection.*

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

*Yes, because my experience with <sup>an</sup> audiologist cost me \$1800.00, and I was not satisfied, ill fit, no volume control, (try standing in the wind without a control). I'm on a fixed income, so I had to put up with them longer than I liked, because of the price I paid, when I finally could afford a different set by mail and I just love the new set \$99.00, I bought what I thought was right for me, not what an audiologist said, I needed*

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