

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? - Yes!

I believe if one knows they have a hearing problem they should not be forced to have an expensive medical exam nor hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid. This is taking away my freedom, my liberty, and my privilege to make some of my own personal decisions -

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 was asked to transport a physically incapacitated individual to a hearing specialist - My own mother in law cannot get out to a hearing specialist so with the assistance of Excel Hearing Solutions we fitted her with a very acceptable unit thru mail order -*

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 must not be allowed to take away or restrict my rights thru the lobbying of interests from groups that seek to benefit thru medical exams -

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

I believe this should continue to be a privilege that is my right in the United States. It assists those on limited income and keeps costs at an affordable limit. My mail order experience has been very successful.

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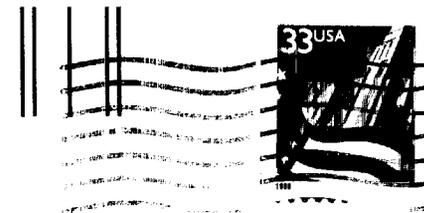
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