

# 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. It has been my experience when some one else pays they want something in return, in this case a lot more money for the same service I am already receiving. Keep the FDA out of it.*

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 have mentioned my hearing problem with my personal doctor, he looks in my ears and tells me they are clear of wax ect. that is all I find out.*

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

*Definitely not. If they had to live on limited income they would understand that what they want would make it impossible for people like myself to have any way of getting help with my hearing problem.*

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

*Yes. I personally feel that when there is Federal as part of some control that I must comply to, that I have a small chance of getting what I need.*

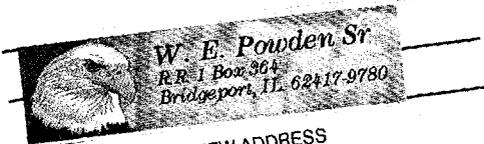
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