

# 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?

*I should not be forced to have a medical exam before purchasing a hearing aid. If the FDA paid for the exam, it would list some of my objections but I still do not believe it is necessary for everyone.*

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 ...

*When I bought my first hearing aid, I sat in this doctor's office for three hours until a clerk took me in an office and asked me a number of questions and then sent me to the doctor's office where the doctor poked into one ear and then the other and released me.*

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

*99% of people realize that they do not need a doctor for their hard of hearing problem and forcing them to see a doctor (specialist) is taking away some of their freedom.*

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

*Answer: Yes. Hearing aids purchased by mail cost half as much as those purchased at local audiologists. Remember that millions of people do not have that extra money and go without a hearing aid.*

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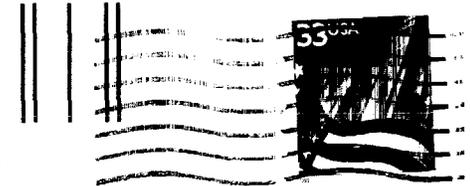
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