

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!*

No, because the person wearing the hearing aid knows if it will work or fit properly. It either works or it doesn't and only the person wearing it knows.

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 ...

The home environment is much better place to test hearing aids. I was once at a hearing aid office the noise was ridiculous, so loud, disturbing

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 has too much authority, they want to run everything. Most people take pretty good care of themselves and those that don't won't change anyway. Medical expenses are way too high prices. Medicines are too expensive. And sometimes it takes forever to get a medical appointment.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *yes, because*

only the user knows if they work. If they fit. I've had real expensive ones and they didn't work worth a damn, or disintegrated in a very short time.
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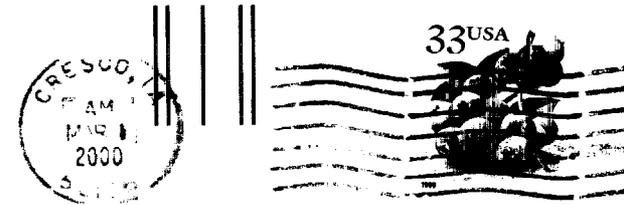
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