

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?

If I could not get a hearing aid by mail I would not be able to pay the price of a hearing aid that some local hearing aid dealers charge for their aids. It would cost three times more for an aid

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 bought a hearing aid from a local dealer and it was not right and had to wait for ever to get it. It was not suitable and looked awful

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

decide where I should buy a hearing aid and not have to wait for a decision from someone in Washington to decide for me. If they the FDA wants to tell people to have medical exams & hearing test they should pay for each.

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

I think I should be allowed to purchase a hearing aid where I want instead of someone telling me. I think that is an invasion of privacy. I can still think for myself.

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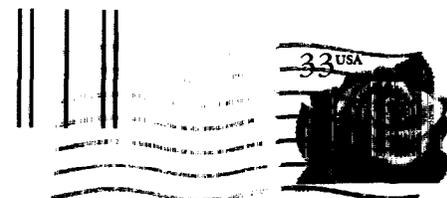
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