

Attention FDA

Instead of taking our rights away tell the audiologists not to make 200% to 400% profit on the sale of hearing aids - hearing aids are a necessity, not a luxury. People like Exel should remain in ~~business~~ ^{business}

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 say no to both questions.
If the F.D.A. pays for the examination we would ~~not~~ pay for it ⁱⁿ TAXES anyway.

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 went to see this ~~audiologist~~ ^{audiolaryngologist} who in less than 10 minutes after he checked if I had wax in my ears ~~he~~ he charged me \$300.00 - I did not need him to tell me that I could not hear well.

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

The F.D.A. has no right to take away any of my rights - It also should stop protecting audiologists whose prime motive is only to make money off of the backs of the hearing afflicted. We want to be able to buy hearing aids on the open market and without the excessive charges of supposedly audiologists, who don't help anyway.

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

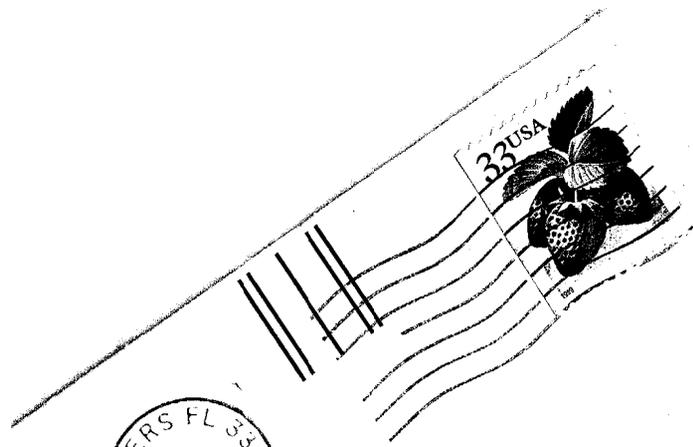
I say yes

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