

# 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?

*This is a Democracy! No one should be forced to make any decision about their own body by the government, unless it could harm someone else. I don't think that not having a hearing exam can hurt another person.*

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 ...

*A friend of mine went to a hearing specialist, paid \$3,000 for 2 hearing aids and doesn't use them because he finds them uncomfortable. I bought mine through the mail and I wear them all day, every day and they are fine!*

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

*The government doesn't force me to have a physical exam before taking aspirin or any other medication sold over the counter; so why should they be able to tell me what to do about my hearing problem. I buy my eye glasses in the drug store also! This is still the "Land of the Free" isn't it?*

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

*Most definitely! I am a 77 year old widow on limited income and if I had to pay the exorbitant prices that the hearing aid specialists charge I would not be able to afford it. I have been buying my aids for many years by mail and I am well satisfied with the service and the products.*

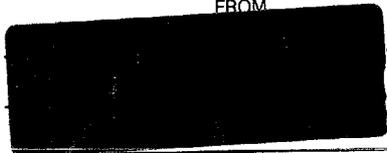
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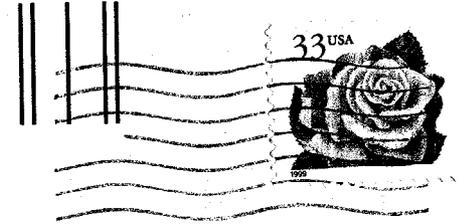
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