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Attention FDA *Practicing Physician*

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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?

Absolutely not

Nobody should be forced to have a hearing test

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 have many patients who do not get their deafness attended to because they are not prepared to go to the trouble and expense of hearing tests and expensive hearing aids.

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

Certainly not. This would be an unacceptable intrusion

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

Yes, I should.

I do so, and I wish to be able to continue to do so

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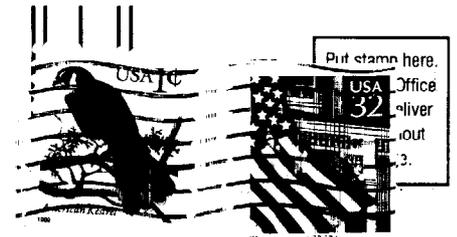
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