

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?

OVER THE PAST 35 YEARS I HAVE HAD NUMEROUS HEARING TESTS. BOTH OF MY EARS HAVE BEEN OPERATED ON. AND DOCTORS TELL ME HEARING AIDS ARE THE ONLY SOLUTION

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 ...

MY LOCAL AUDIOLOGIST, SEVERAL YEARS AGO CONNED ME INTO BUYING AN ALL IN THE EAR HEARING AID, AND EVEN AFTER 3 REMAKES IT STILL IS ONLY COMFORTABLE FOR LESS THAN 3 HOURS

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

I FEEL I AM OLD ENOUGH TO DECIDE WHAT IS IN MY BEST INTEREST, WHY SHOULD A SUBJECT THAT HAS BEEN DECIDED BY THE SUPREME COURT BE CHALLENGED? I ALSO FEEL MY HEARING IMPAIRMENT STARTED WITH MY TOUR IN THE NAVY DURING WWII, BUT I GET NO HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

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

I AM RETIRED, ON A FIXED INCOME, THE COST TO ME WHEN BUYING THRU THE MAIL IS LESS THAN HALF, AND I HAVE PURCHASED 2 AIDS BY MAIL AND AM COMPLETELY SATISFIED

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