

# 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?

I HAVE HAD VERY GOOD LUCK PURCHASING HEARING AIDS THRU THE MAIL.

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 DO NOT DRIVE. SO THIS WOULD PUT A VERY HARDSHIP UPON ME.

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

I WANT THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR MYSELF THE HEARING TESTS I WANT, ALSO I GET BATTERIES THRU THE MAIL - I CAN GET 16 FOR THE SAME PRICE I GET 4 FOR.

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

THE FIRST HEARING AIDS I PURCHASED, I HAD THE EXAM. IT COST ME \$395 THEN THE HEARING AIDS COST ME \$3000 FOR BOTH. THEY LASTED 3 YEARS - THEN BROKE.

I NOW HAVE SOME I GOT THRU THE MAIL FOR 600 FOR BOTH. HAVE HAD THEM OVER 2 YEARS AND AM REALLY PLEASED WITH THEM

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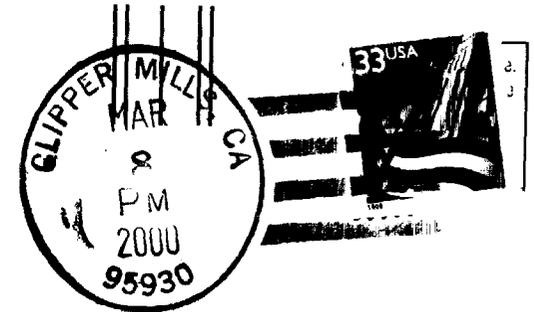
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