

# 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?

*During my 38 year career as an airline pilot it was mandatory that I take three medical exams, including hearing testing, annually. Now that I am retired that is my responsibility. PERIOD.*

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...

*When I bought my first hearing aids I went through the process the FDA is now suggesting. I was not aware, at that time, that there was any other way to do it.*

*By the time I needed new hearing aids I had heard of EXCEL. I am now in the process of buying my fourth set of hearing aids from them. Working with them by telephone and mail has been far more satisfactory than my first experience. The*

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

*Absolutely not.*

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

*Absolutely.*

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