

# 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?

No. - I'll pay for my own but I don't want Dr. A. telling me anything I must or must not do.

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 ...

In the 19 years of hearing problems I've purchased 7+ different hearing aids. Finally a digital Sonus has proved fairly satisfactory (good on a 1 on 1 lunch or dinner - no good with 3+ up persons.) I've tried several Siemens, Phonak, & several other companies always with good hopes - bashed. (my problem is ~~severe~~ neural)

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

No. Keep govt out of our health decisions.

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

yes.

P.S. I've lost the hearing aids from your company - can't remember which or how many.

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