

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?

My experience with hearing aid dispensers has been a disaster. They become hostile when you don't buy from them or want a second opinion. I should be able to make my own decisions.

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 ... A Belmont rep was highly irritated when I didn't wish to buy his overpriced hearing devices.

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

Absolutely not. Some hearing "specialists" are out to commit fraud! I don't trust the people who make home visits to promote their devices.

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

Yes! I'm over 21 and am capable of making my own decisions.

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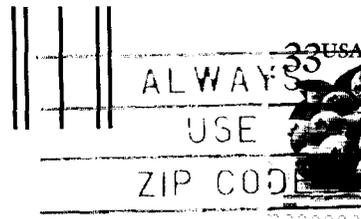
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