

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?

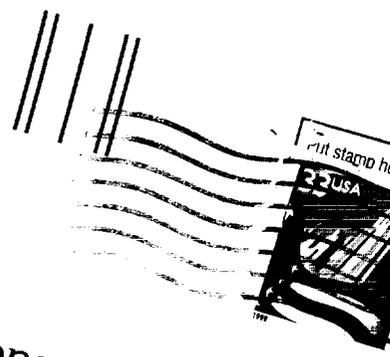
1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? *I do not want the FDA to be making a decision for me about how I go about purchasing a hearing aid. It's my choice and I don't need any government interference.*
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 ...
3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? *We have enough government interference in our lives already. I do not need or want big brother making my decision for me and forcing me to purchase one of the overpriced hearing aids sold by the audiologists. My Excel hearing aid is perfectly satisfactory.*
4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *Absolutely. I don't think the FDA should have anything to say about how or when I purchase my hearing aid.*

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