

# 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? *In my 30 year experience with hearing aids, I don't find the need for medical exam or hearing tests. I chose to buy my first ones by mail because I could try them out before I bought them. No other supplier offered this opportunity. I think the present system works well and see no need for change.*
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? *I think The FDA could find better utilization of their resources in other areas of their jurisdiction. I try to adhere to the principal "DON'T TRY TO FIX IT IF IT ISN'T BROKEN".*

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

*I have this right at the present time and will continue to exercise it until I die. I have friends who won't order aids from the mail and insist on being led by the hand throughout the whole purchase process but it is a mistake to force this <sup>on</sup> everyone because of these few. Love well enough alone.*

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