

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?

Of course not! If so, the FDA should certainly pay!

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 ...

I am unable to drive and live miles away from any audioist. The last and only time I ever went to one I was not impressed with his ability and the result ~~was~~ ~~is~~ was not much good. Since then I have had very good results buying hearing aids by mail.

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

I am perfectly capable of deciding for myself and have been doing so for eight years and am very satisfied with my choices!

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

Why not! I make many other much more important decisions every day! Mind your own business!

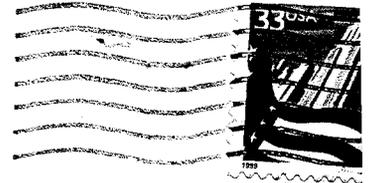
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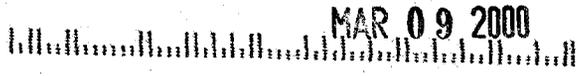
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