

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? *PAY YES, I HAD A*

MEDICAL EXAM AFTER SPINAL MENINGITIS AND LOST MOST OF MY HEARING. IN 1981, HEARING TESTS ARE FOR THE BIRDS, THEY PROVE NOTHING, JUST AN ADDED EXPENSE AND A NICE INCOME FOR THE PERSON DOING THE EXAM. I PAID FOR MINE OUT OF MY OWN POCKET, NO THEY SHOULDN'T BE REQUIRED.

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 ...*ADDED OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE, PLUS BUYING JUNK THAT DOES YOU NO GOOD.*

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment? *FDA SHOULD STAY OUT OF A PERSONS PRIVATE AFFAIRS AND STICK TO CHECKING BILL QUALITY.*

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *BY ALL MEANS! HEARING AIDS ARE VERY PERSONAL AND, I WAS IN SHD SHAPE UNTIL I WAS ABLE TO CHOOSE YOURS FROM A CATALOG AND NOT GETTING A BUNCH OF JUNK FROM A ROADSIDE STAND, FROM A VELVET THROATED DUDE. I PAID DEARLY FOR MY EDUCATION IN HEARING AIDS, I WOULD RATHER GO WITHOUT A HEARING AID, RATHER THAN DEAL WITH ~~ANY~~ ANY OF THOSE VELVET THROATED DUDES AGAIN*

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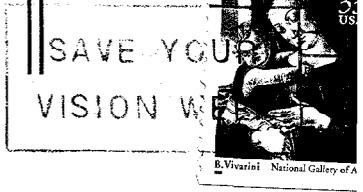
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