

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?

As a Physician my answer is: Every person who complains of hearing loss SHOULD have an evaluation of the problem by a physician. (I have many times corrected the hearing loss by removing impacted cerumen). If the canals are open, then an Audiometric test should (see over)

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 ...

If you don't have friends, or family - stay home. Regarding bad experience: - before rushing to an Audiologist - talk to someone who has had the procedure. Also, there are health

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

NEVER,

I hope we're not living in a Dictatorship.

"Talk to Bill Clinton" Ha!

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

Yes, after having a professional assessment of the Hearing Problem.

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be done, — to evaluate the degree of hearing perception loss, ② ranges of frequency loss; ③ assess for Nerve, or Bone Conduction improvement.
④ Keep this record for future comparisons.

With that information, any Qualified Provider can supply the best equipment to give the Best Hearing Assist.

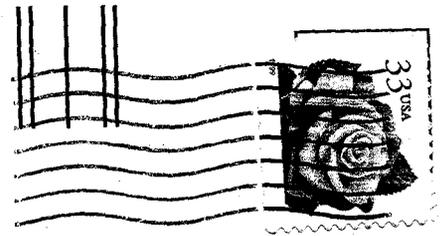
At this time, I do not feel that the FDA or other government agencies should pay for it. When "Full Insurance Coverage" comes into being, this should be included.

2. agencies that can recommend reputable people. If nothing else — phone the local medical association and ask them: "If you needed this test, to whom would you go?"

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