

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?

Absolutely not; would I not then need a medical exam to buy arch supports or reading glasses from Walgreens?

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 ...

My hearing specialist told me 40 years ago that my loss was minimal and I could use aids, or not; it was my choice

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

*No.
Too many of my rights are taken away all ready.*

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

I surely should be allowed to purchase aids by mail. I have done this. I have been satisfied with all purchases.

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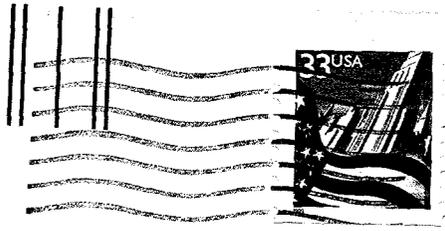
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