

# 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? *If I am to be forced to have a medical exam then I sure do believe the FDA should be responsible for the cost. I do not think the FDA should have anything to do with some one who wants to purchase a hearing aid.*
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 it were not for companies like Ediel some people would never be able to have a hearing aid*
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 Government has enough to do without trying to put into peoples business*
4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose? *I believe I should be able to purchase a hearing from any company that I choose to without the FDA trying to tell me what is best for me*

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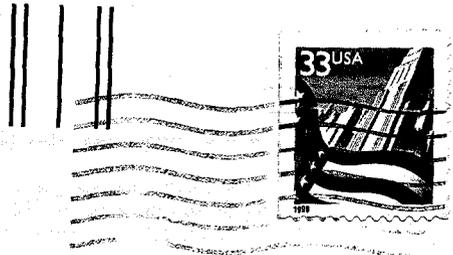
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