

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?

We've had some bad experiences with the "ear doctor" in our community. He isn't a capable physician and often makes wrong diagnosis. In other words, there's no trust.

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 sister is profoundly deaf. She's never gotten any satisfaction through Bell Tone. Hearing was important since she was a teacher - the aid she purchased was constantly in the shop for repairs. Each time her intelligence was undermined. She's knowledgeable since she's been wearing an aid for over 50 years.

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

We have so few options ^{to} make choices. Our insurance company makes choices for us - like it or not.

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

It's my money, earned to spend the way I choose.

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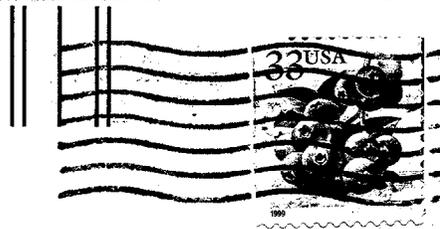
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