

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? *yes.*

No

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 ...

I know some who have bought high priced hearing aids in the office and are constantly having trouble. My Excel 1000 has given me satisfactory service for several years.

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

No

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

Yes, since they are sold on approval and there is no risk if I'm not satisfied and any future maintenance is taken care of reasonably and courteously.

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