

# 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?

I HAD A MEDICAL EXAM AND HEARING TEST BEFORE I BOUGHT MY HEARING AIDS, WHY SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO REPEAT THESE TEST JUST TO BUY HEARING AIDS BATTERIES, THIS IS ANOTHER EXPENSE I DON'T NEED.

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 ...

ONE DAY, NIGHT ABOUT 8 P.M MY BATTERIES WENT OUT, I WENT TO THE LOCAL DRUG STORE, THEY DIDN'T HAVE MY SIZE, I WENT TO 4 OTHER PLACES BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO FIND WHAT I NEEDED AT A COST OF \$5.50 + 79¢ TAX FOR 4 BATTERIES, ONE PLACE WANTED \$9.95 PLUS 79¢ TAX FOR 6, ADD THE COST OF OPERATING A CAR FOR 18 MILES ~~AND THE COST~~ IS JUST TOO MUCH.

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

IF YOU TAKE AWAY MY RIGHTS, YOU ARE DOING THE SAME THING TO YOUR-SELF.

MAIL ORDERING IS A BIG HELP TO PEOPLE THAT NEED HELP IN HEARING SINCE IT IS OLDER PEOPLE THAT HAVE MOST OF OUR HEARING LOSS, AT AGE 88 I NEED THIS HELP.

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

AS AN AMERICAN LET ME SHOP WHERE IT IS BEST FOR ME.

Thank you,

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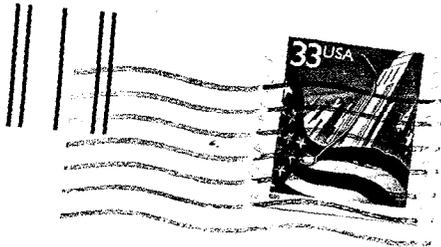
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