

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?

NO - I SHOULD NOT BE FORCED TO TAKE A MEDICAL EXAM OR HEARING TEST TO BUY A HEARING AID. MEDICARE DOESN'T PAY FOR HEARING AIDS. MEDICAL EXPENSES ARE TOO HIGH ALREADY. ^{FAT CHANCE} THE FDA WOULD PAY FOR ANYTHING.

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 I COULDN'T BUY A HEARING AID WITHOUT A MEDICAL EXAM OR HAD TO BUY ONE LOCALLY I PROBABLY COULDN'T AFFORD ONE. I HAVE HAD NOTHING BUT GOOD EXPERIENCE FROM MY MAIL ORDER HEARING AID WITHOUT AN EXAM, DON'T TAKE AWAY MY RIGHTS

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

I HAVE HAD ENOUGH RIGHTS TAKEN AWAY BY THE GOVERNMENT ALREADY. LETS NOT ADD SOME MORE.

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

YES - IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN AFFORD ONE, AND IT IS VERY INCONVENIENT TO GO TO A DOCTOR TO GET A MEDICAL EXAM. I ALREADY KNOW WHATS WRONG WITH ME.

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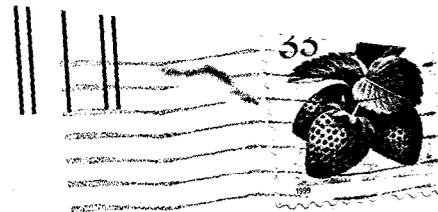
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