

# 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 understand that there is no standard for manufacturers who make hearing aids, why should I have to go to a doctor for one.*

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'm tired of being taken to the cleaners, and having my billfold cleaned out for something that does not have \$150~~00~~ worth of parts*

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

*I prefer to have control of my own hearing aid selections. Paying \$1,000~~00~~ to 1,500~~00~~ for hearing aids is not for me, poor service from doctors & audiologists who sell these (over)*

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

*yes, absolutely yes.*

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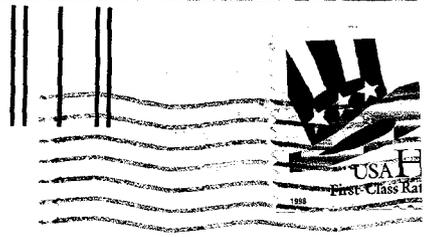
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sell these high priced hearing aids & then tell me  
to "lump it" if it doesn't work properly. I'm  
64 years old. Poor service is the biggest problem  
of all. Last time I had hearing tested I had to  
drive 100 miles + round trip.

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