

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 don't think the FDA would pay a lot of money for me to have a hearing test & a hearing aid. So I think they should stay out of my business!

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 have to have someone else drive me.

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

I am on medicare & medicaid & they will not pay for hearing aids & I cannot afford thousand's of dollars. Even hearing aids are affordable & the batteries are a lot cheaper than the drug stores or wall Mart.

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

I feel like I should be able to purchase what I want by mail, whether it be hearing aid batteries or whatever I choose. It's my money.

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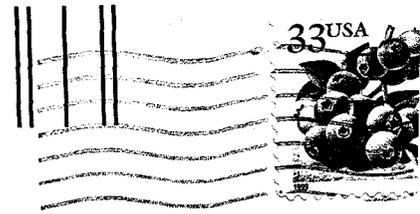
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