

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, we should not be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid! If the FDA requires this, then they (the FDA) should cover the cost.

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 ...

We are able to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, but have been disgusted with the "Come on" sales pitch and pressures to buy their product (at about \$2500 to \$3000) we cannot afford that for the 2 of us

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

No, they have no right to do so

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

I have purchased thru the mail and am very satisfied. I would do it again.

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