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?

yes - If I don't have an exam I may be at the mercy of some dishonest hearing aid company that may tell me they can fit me with an inadequate hearing device and blame me if they fail to deliver to me a satisfactory unit. their "free trial" period is the loop hole that allows them to keep my down payment and may do so whether or not the aid is of any value to me.

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 ...

this suggestion seems invalid totally because reputable hearing aid companys will furnish service in-the-home if they know it is needed. mail order hearing aid company can take advantage of trusting hearing aid purchasers. I know because it happened to me.

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

The F.D.A. is there to protect my rights and yes, they should be allowed to do anything to see that they are protected. mail order companys do not really care one way or another after they get your money. my experience with just such a company cost me over two hundred ($200 ≈) and a great amount of lost time and total disappointment.

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

If you ~~are~~ were an expert in your knowledge of hearing aids you could possibly get a satisfactory unit but your chances are questionable. It depends fully on the integrity of the mail order co. you are dealing with. How can you know for sure?

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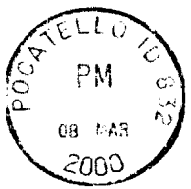

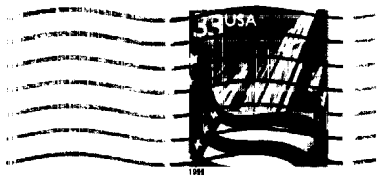

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