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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?

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 ...

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

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

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Dear Dr. Henney:

It has come to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Accordingly, I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test.

I want you to know that I strongly oppose this proposed move. The bottom line in securing a hearing aid is can I hear better. This principle applies to the purchase of a car, appliance or any service, whether it be medical, legal, religious or mechanical. Satisfaction is the key.

I want you to know that I can hear well with the hearing aid I purchased without being forced to have a hearing or medical test. I have several friends who went through the process of having all the tests, purchased very expensive hearing aids and returned them or more often simply do not use them. I suspect the same may be true for hearing aids purchased without a prescription, but at least we have a choice.

The pressure placed on your office, by various professionals will tempt the FDA to cave in, because many of us do not take time or are do not feel comfortable in making our right to choose known.

To me it would be about as logical to impose licensing requirements for churches or auditoriums enabling everyone to hear. Under this plan one could not attend events unless the space was licensed. The professionals would then argue that you could not worship in an unlicensed church or you could do damage to your ears. Further the organ might be too loud.

Please exercise good judgment Dr. Henny.

Sincerely,

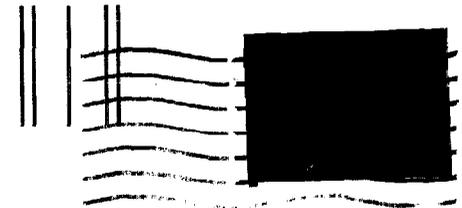

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