

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 — even if the FDA pays for it
If you go to a medical exam they will always
come up with some you don't need and ~~cost~~ expensive

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?

No

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

yes — Person living on social security can't afford
to pay the exorbitant fees charged, for least.
Buying hearing aid by mail is like going to the drug store
to buy magnifying reading glass, and not going to a ^{expensive} eye
doctor.

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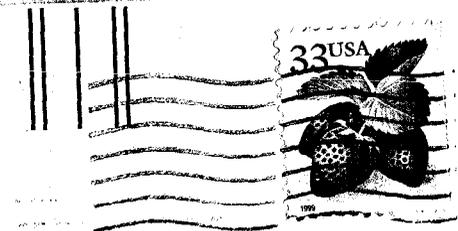
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