

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 do not think that I should be forced to have a medical examination and/or a hearing test before being able to purchase a hearing aid.

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 had tow hearing tests in the past and in both instances I experienced problems with the prescribed hearing aids. The hearing aids that I have purchased from Excel Hearing Solutions have proven to be satisfactory.

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

I think it would be unfortunate to be denied the right to determine for myself whether or not I have the right to decide on medical examinations or treatments.

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

I should be allowed to purchahse hearing aids by mail for my own personal use. My experience has proven that those hearing aids purchased by mail have been more satisfactory than those purchased through audiologists.

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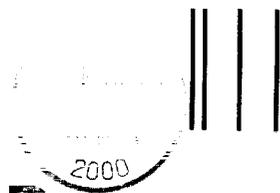
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