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Dear Staff

It was my intention to write to Donna Shalala but since she has no e-mail address available on the internet, I hope you will relay my sentiments to her.

My concern is regarding the new ruling regarding hearing aid sales in this country. It is my understanding that this has left the FDA and is now being considered by Donna Shalala in the Health and Human Services. My concerns are as follows

1. Why change the regulation now?
2. Why limit access to hearing health services?
3. Why make hearing health services more expensive?
4. Why make it harder for the hearing impaired to be heard?
5. Why make the delivery system different in each state?

The public (AARP) doesn't want these changes, Medical Doctors (AAO) don't want these changes. Caring providers (IHS) don't want these changes, manufacturers (HIA) don't want these changes. The better hearing institute (BHI) doesn't want these changes. And many practicing Audiologists feel they are being misrepresented by the Audiology Coalision and do not want these changes. As has been relayed to your office through many letters of concern. Who are you serving by even considering sending this rule? This is a bad rule and must be killed. Please do that. Stop this nonsense before it goes any further.

Thank you for relaying this concern to Secretary Shalala
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