

Feds: Morning-after pill appeal officially on hold

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This undated file photo provided by Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., shows a package of Plan B One-Step, an emergency contraceptive. The federal government on Monday, June 10, 2013 told a judge it will reverse course and take steps to comply with his order to allow girls of any age to buy emergency contraception without prescriptions. (AP Photo/Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., File)

A government appeal in the legal fight over allowing girls of any age to

buy emergency contraception without prescriptions has officially been put on hold.

[Federal prosecutors](#) said Tuesday in a letter to a New York City appeals court both sides have agreed to stop litigating while they await a ruling from a lower-court judge.

The Department of Justice notified U.S. District Judge Edward Korman on Monday it had decided to reverse course and comply with his order to allow sales of the morning-after pills without age or other restrictions. It said it would withdraw the appeal of the order if the judge agrees with its plan to fast-track [Food and Drug Administration](#) approval.

It's unclear when and how the judge will address the issue. A woman answering the phone in his chambers declined to comment.

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