

Court to allow girls to buy morning-after for now (Update)

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This frame grab from video shows a box of Plan B morning after pill. The brief order issued by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan Wednesday June 5, 2013 permitted two-pill versions of emergency contraception to immediately be sold without restrictions, but the court refused to allow unrestricted sales of the Plan B One-Step until it decides the merits of the government's appeal. (AP Photo)

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The order has been met with praise from advocates for girls' and women's rights and scorn from social conservatives and other opponents, who argue the drug's availability takes away the rights of parents of girls who could get it without their permission.

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