

OTC morning-after pill sales coming—but not yet

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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)

Don't look for the morning-after pill to move next to the condoms on

drugstore shelves right away. But after a fight that's last more than a decade, it appears it really will happen. Backed into a corner by a series of court rulings, the Obama administration has agreed to let the Plan B One-Step brand of emergency contraception sell over the counter to anyone of any age.

There still are a lot of details to be worked out. One question is whether a federal judge agrees that the government has gone far enough or should include cheaper generics too.

Another question is how quickly over-the-counter sales will begin.

A pediatricians' group called the decision a historic step forward, while opponents said easy access to the drug undermines parental supervision.

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