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ABC'S ANDREA CANNING HAS MORE.

[TAKE PKG]

[Anchor:CANNING]
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[Notes:RUNS 1:33]
{***PKG***}

[<mos>11 to 16\Kathleen Hill-Besinque\USC SCHOOL OF PHARMACY</mos>]
[<mos>1:08 to 1:13\Wendy Wright\CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA</mos>]
[<mos>1:20 to 1:25\Andrea Canning\ABC</mos>]

[Duration:1:33]
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WABC-TV, 8/24/06 5pm

[Anchor:SADE]

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ITS BEEN A CONTENTIOUS 3 YEAR BATTLE- BUT TODAY THE FDA FINALLY APPROVED AN EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION PILL- AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER.

THE MORNING AFTER PILL WILL BE SOLD AT DRUG STORES BUT IT DOES COMES WITH SEVERAL RESTRICTIONS.

[TAKE STUDIO

NAME: 3SHOT]

DR JAY ADLERSBERG HERE WITH DETAILS.

[Anchor:JAY]

{***JAY***}

[<mos>P_PLASMA\ VPL: MORNING AFTER PILL APPROVED</mos>]

[<mos>to \Dr. Jay Adlersberg\EWN</mos>]

DIANA, SADE, THIS IS AN F.D.A. DECISION THAT HAS BOTH A POLITICAL AND A MEDICAL BACKGROUND.

THE F.D.A.'S OWN EXPERTS AND MOST MEDICAL GROUPS HAD RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS PILL..BUT THE F.D.A. DIDN'T ACT...UNTIL TODAY.

NOW WOMEN HAVE A NEW OPTION FOR EMERGENCY BIRTH CONTROL.

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[<mos>:33 to :38\Kim Johnson\NEW YORKER</mos>]

[<mos>:47 to :52\Wendy Wright\CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA</mos>]

[<mos>1:03 to 1:08\lan Ginsberg\BIGELOW CHEMISTS</mos>]

[<mos>1:11 to 1:15\Dr. Robin Kalish\NY HOSPITAL WEILL CORNELL</mos>]

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[<mos>to \Dr. Jay Adlersberg\EWN</mos>]

[<mos>P_PLASMA\ VPL: MORNING AFTER PILL APPROVED</mos>]

SUPPORTERS SAY IT WILL PREVENT HALF A MILLION UNWANTED PREGNANCIES A YEAR.

IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE DRUG COMPANY TO HAVE PLAN B IN DRUGSTORES...POSSIBLY BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THE DRUG IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE AND WILL COST 40 TO 50 DOLLARS.

SUPPORTERS OF THIS METHOD SAY THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT TEENS YOUNGER THAN EIGHTEEN WOULD NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUY IT OVER THE COUNTER.

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(AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF CONTROVERSY, THE F.D.A HAS FINALLY APPROVED AN EMERGENCY CONTRCPTIVE PILL FOR USE OVER THE COUNTER.

THE PILL.....WILL BE SOLD AT DRUGSTORES....BUT WITH SEVERAL RESTRICTIONS. DR. JAY REPORTS.)

(diana shade..... This is an FDA decision that has both a political and a medical background. The F.D.A'S OWN EXPERTS AND MEDICAL GROUPS HAD BOTH RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THIS PILL. BUT THE FDA HAD BEEN REFUSING TO ACT. UNTIL TODAY. NOW, WOMEN WILL HAVE A NEW OPTION FOR A BACKUP....EMERGENCY BIRTH CONTROL.)

(INGEST: PLANBPILL ---VNR PACKAGE SUPPLIED BY COMPANY
PLAN B MEDICAL - GRACIELA'S SHOOT)

--TRACK--

ANY ADULT WOMAN WILL SOON BE ABLE TO WALK INTO A DRUG STORE AND BUY THE EMERGENCY PILLS THAT WILL KEEP HER FROM GETTING PREGNANT IF SHE'S HAD SEX WITHOUT A CONTRACEPTIVE WITHIN THE PREVIOIUS 3 DAYS.

THE PILLS...KNOWN AS PLAN B.....ARE DESIGNED TO BE TAKEN ONLY WITHIN 72 HOURS OF SEXUAL INTERCOURSE WITHOUT CONTRACEPTION.

WHEN AN ADULTS ASKS FOR THE PILL, PHARMACTISTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASK FOR PHOTO ID'S FROM THE BUYERS...PROOF THAT THEY'RE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

PLAN B DOES NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF ANY OTHER BIRTH CONTROL METHOD. IT'S MEANT ONLY AS AN EMERGENCY BACKUP....

RESEARACHERS WHO'VE STUDIED THE PILL SAY IT COULD PREVENT A MILLION AND A HALF UNWANTED PREGNANCIES PER YEAR AND WILL PROBABLY BE MOST USEFUL FOR YOUNG WOMEN.

AUTUMN FLETCHER IS 18.

{***SOT***}
[TAKE SOT
NAME: AUTUMN FLETCHER/AGE 18
NUMBER: TAPE=
INCUE: DEFINITELY A GOOD IDEA BUT ONLY OVER 18
OUTCUE: ...
AT: 13:45:47
TO: 13:45:50
DURATION:0:03]

{***SOT***}
[TAKE SOT
NAME: Kim Johnson/ New Yorker
NUMBER: TAPE=

INCUE: I think its great I dont see why protecting yourself should be a problem.
OUTCUE: ...
AT: 48:36
TO: 48:44
DURATION:0:08]

NOT ALL THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. PROLIFE GROUPS HAVE ARGUED THAT THIS COULD INCREASE POMISCUITY AND SPREAD DISEASE.

(SOT WENDY)

ONE PHARMACIST WE SPOKE TO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PLAN B MIGHT BE MISSUSED.

{***SOT***}
[TAKE SOT
NAME: Ian Ginsberg/ Bigelow Chemists (check name)
NUMBER: TAPE=
INCUE: WHATS TO STOP SOMEBODY FORM
OUTCUE: WHAT THEY'RE TELL US, I GUESS .
AT: 50:29
TO: 50:37
DURATION:0:08]

{***SOT**DR. ROBIN KALISH/NY HOSPITAL-WEILL CORNELL *}
[TAKE SOT
NAME: CG=
NUMBER: TAPE=
INCUE: The benefit of this
OUTCUE: supposed to be used for preventio of pregnancy.
AT: 56:14
TO: 56:25
DURATION:0:11]

THE PILLS CONTAIN A CONCENTRATED DOSE OF THE SAME HORMONES FOUND IN BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. THEY WORK ABOUT 90 PERCentT OF THE TIME IN PREVENTING A PREGNANCY.

{***SOT**DR. ROBIN KALISH *}
[TAKE SOT
NAME: CG=
NUMBER: TAPE=
INCUE: it can actually prevent both fertilization of the embryo and implantaton in the uterus so a woman doesn't become pregnant
OUTCUE: ...
AT: 55:47
TO: 55:54
DURATION:0:07]

(IT WILL TAKE SOME TIE FOR THE PHARMACEUTCAL COMPANY TO HAVE THEM IN THE DRUGSTORES...POSSIBLY BY THE END OF THE YEAR. RIGGHT NOW, A PLAN B PRESCRIPTION --WHICH IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE--COSTS ABOUT 40 TO 50 DOLLARS. SUPPORTERS OF THIS METHOD SAY THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT ALL TEENAGE GIRLS WOULD NOT HAVE THE RIFGHT TO BUY IT...BUT ANYONE OVER 18..BOTH MEN AND WOMEN--WILL BE ABEL TOW ALK IN, SHOW ID..AND PURCHASE THE EMERGENCY HORMONAL TREATMENT.)

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noon

[Anchor:LISA]

{LISA}

A COMPROMISE ON THE MORNING AFTER PILL.

FEDERAL HEALTH OFFICIALS RULED TODAY THAT WOMEN CAN BUY THE PILLS WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION BUT ONLY WITH PROOF THAT THEY ARE 18 OR OLDER.

JEN MAXFIELD JOINS US NOW WITH MORE ON THE END OF THIS THREE YEAR BATTLE, JEN?

[TAKE: ON SET]

JEN}

[<mos>to Jen Maxfield\EWN</mos>]

THE F-D-A RULING MARKS THE FIRST TIME THAT A DRUG HAS BEEN GIVEN 'DUAL STATUS' IN THE U-S-- PRESCRIPTION FOR SOME WOMEN, OVER THE COUNTER FOR OTHERS.

PLAN B'S MAKER, BARR PHARMACEUTICALS, HOPES TO HAVE THE DRUG AVAILABLE OVER THE COUNTER BY THE END OF THE YEAR...

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[Notes:RUNS 1:21]

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[<mos>18 to 22\Dr. Nancy Roberson Jasper\OBGYN</mos>]

[<mos>37 to 41\Melena Garcia\PATIENT</mos>]

[<mos>1:05 to 1:09\Kathleen Hill-Besinque\PROFESSOR</mos>]

[<mos>to Wendy Wright\CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA</mos>]

[Duration:1:21]

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[Anchor:JEN]

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[<mos>to Jen Maxfield\EWN</mos>]

THE F-D-A DECISION DOES HAVE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS... TWO DEMOCRATIC SENATORS, INCLUDING SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON, HAVE DROPPED THEIR KEY OBJECTIONS TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S NOMINEE FOR F-D-A CHIEF, AFTER HE ALLOWED THE OVER THE COUNTER SALE OF PLAN B.

MOST DOCTORS AGREE, THE MORNING AFTER PILL IS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN TAKEN QUICKLY... THE MORNING AFTER UNPROTECTED SEX, FOR EXAMPLE.

THE MAKER OF THE EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE PLAN B, HAS SAID THAT FORCING WOMEN TO GET A PRESCRIPTION MAKES THE DRUG DIFFICULT TO BUY ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS.

SOT Dr. Nancy "over the counter access is critical because it should be started within 3 days of unprotected sex"

TAKEN 72 HOURS AFTER UNPROTECTED SEX, PLAN B LOWERS THE RISK OF PREGNANCY BY 89 PERCENT.

MELENA GARCIA EXPLAINS THE RED TAPE SHE HAD TO GO THROUGH TO GET IT.

SOT Melena

UNDER THE TERMS OF A NEW F-D-A RULING, WOMEN EIGHTEEN AND OLDER WILL BE ABLE TO GET PLAN B WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.

WOMEN 17 AND YOUNGER WILL STILL NEED A PRESCRIPTION.

THE DRUG WILL BE KEPT BEHIND THE COUNTER, SO CLERKS CAN CHECK I-D'S.

sot "this is great news for women 18 and over."

CONSERVATIVES HAVE CHARGED THAT EASY ACCESS TO THE PILL WILL LEAD TO UNSAFE SEX AND PROMISCUITY, ESPECIALLY AMONG TEENAGERS.

WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUPS HAVE ARGUED THAT MAKING PLAN B AVAILABLE WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION WILL CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS.

August 25, 2006
5AM

[Anchor:LISA]
{*** LISA ***}

IT'S NOW --
IN MEDICAL NEWS.

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[Notes:NEWS1 PLANBPILLPKG4 // USE ANY BROLL OF THE PILL]