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08:02:31 DEBORAH ROBERTS

(OC) The bitter debate sparked by the Plan B morning-after pill is far from over this morning, even though the FDA has cleared the way for over-the-counter sales. ABC's Jessica Yellin has the latest from the White House. Jessica?

GRAPHICS: RX FOR CONTROVERSY

GRAPHICS: MORNING-AFTER PILL FOR SALE

08:02:44 JESSICA YELLIN, ABC NEWS

(OC) Deborah, it's a compromise decision from the Food and Drug Administration that's making some on both sides of the reproductive rights debate very upset.

08:02:54 JESSICA YELLIN

(VO) The ruling means women 18 and older will soon be able to buy Plan B without a prescription. But girls 17 and under still need a doctor's approval. The decision was three years in the making.

08:03:06 SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON, DEMOCRAT

I think it took a long time because there was political and ideological interference.

GRAPHICS: PLAN B

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08:03:10 JESSICA YELLIN

(VO) Plan B is a high dose of birth control. And if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, it can prevent pregnancy. Opponents consider it a form of abortion. And some are concerned that minors will find a way to get the pill without a prescription.

08:03:25 WENDY WRIGHT, PRESIDENT

You can have an 18-year-old buy the drug and right in the store turn around and give it to a 13-year-old.

08:03:31 JESSICA YELLIN

(VO) Some supporters of Plan B are also troubled by the age requirement. They say forcing minors to get a prescription could keep the pill from young girls who they say need it most.

08:03:43 CECILE RICHARDS, PRESIDENT

It's very important that teens have access, that they can get it when they need it regardless of where they live and what time of day or night.

08:03:51 JESSICA YELLIN

(OC) This morning, those who oppose the morning-after pill are vowing to file lawsuits to try to prevent it from being sold over the counter. For his part, the President has made it clear that he supports the FDA's decision. Deborah?

08:04:04 DEBORAH ROBERTS

(OC) Okay. Jessica, thank you. Jessica **Yellin**, in Washington this morning.