



OVER-THE-COUNTER VS. PRESCRIPTION ACCESS TO PLAN B EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION IN PHARMACIES

WHAT	Plan B OTC	Plan B Prescription	Plan B Prescription via Pharmacy Access ¹
WHERE	All pharmacies that stock Plan B (also available directly from clinics).	Prescription available from authorized prescriber. Product available from pharmacists stocking Plan B.	Participating EC Pharmacies (with EC-certified pharmacist working under protocol).
WHO	Women and men 18 years of age or older with proof of age.	Prescription available from authorized prescriber for women of any age. (Prescription product may be picked up by anyone).	Women of any age.
WHEN	Product label indicates use within 3 days after unprotected sex and to take two tablets 12 hours apart. Research indicates may take up to 5 days after unprotected sex and take both tablets at the same time. Also available for future use.	See “When” under Plan B OTC.	See “When” under Plan B OTC.
HOW	Request product at pharmacy counter and present proof of age.	Request prescription from authorized prescriber. Fill at pharmacy.	Request prescription from pharmacist, complete encounter form, receive counseling from pharmacist, receive state mandated EC fact sheet, where applicable (not all states). ²
HOW MUCH \$	Out of pocket, price is market driven. Average price is \$40. Insurance coverage unknown.	Product covered by the Title X waiver program and/or Medicaid in some states and private insurance plans that cover prescription drugs (in states with EPICC laws). Average price is \$40.	See “How Much \$” under Plan B Prescription.
HOW MANY #	No limit.	Limited for Medicaid enrollees, varies with private insurance. No limit to number of refills for those paying out-of-pocket.	See “How Many #” under Plan B Prescription.

¹ Pharmacy access is a model currently available in nine states (AK, CA, HI, MA, ME, NH, NM, VT, WA) that allows specially trained pharmacists — working under standing order or collaborative protocol with an authorizing prescriber — to provide Plan B to a woman requesting it, eliminating the need for an advance prescription from a doctor or clinic.

² State laws vary in requirements of pharmacy access programs. Visit www.go2ec.org for more information.