

Plan B decision is good for girls

Someone in the Obama administration you've probably never even heard of made an unprecedented decision concerning you last week.

U.S. Health and Human Services Department Secretary Kathleen Sebelius decided that Plan B One-Step, which you probably know as the "morning after pill," should not be available to you without a doctor's prescription. Scientists in the Food and Drug Administration spent 10 months poring over charts, figures and studies about the drug, and they de-

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decided it's safe "for all females of child-bearing potential."

I want you to note that the FDA said the morning after pill is safe for all females, not all women. You've been

female since before you were born, but you're not a woman yet.

I know you've had breasts since you were nine or 10, and that a little — or maybe a big — curve has been in your hips since you were 11 or 12. You might grumble about menstruation, but it probably now feels like the natural occurrence it is, not the embarrassing interruption you thought it was at first. You've been feeling sexual for several years. You're at an age at which you may even feel sexy, and drawing male attention feels good.

But you're not a woman yet.

Your body has been able to do all the things a grown woman's body does, including carry a baby to term, since you were 12. 4 years old a girl's ov-

