

Getting Emergency Contraceptive (EC) from the pharmacy

How do I get EC?

- You can walk into a pharmacy and get EC at any time.
- **Your age does not matter. People of any age can get EC.**
- If you pay for EC yourself, it will cost \$35-\$60.
- If you have a prescription your insurance may pay for it.
- If you have New York State Medicaid, you don't need a prescription from a doctor. You can just walk into a pharmacy.
- If you want the brand name Ella, you need a prescription. You can't get Ella without a prescription.
- Medicaid will pay for EC up to 6 times per year.
- Bring your insurance cards with you. They might look like this:



Talk to your CHN health educator if you have more questions!

For pharmacists:

As of March 1st 2017:

- Medicaid will pay for Emergency Contraception (EC) for both prescriptions and over the counter. [Title 18 of NYCRR 505.3]
- **There are no age limits.** People of any age can get EC.

Medicaid fee for service billing:

- When giving EC without a written, electronic or oral order, the prescriber identification field for pharmacy claims is left blank. The claim will still be processed.

Managed care plan billing:

- To get billing contact information for a specific plan go to:
<http://mmcdruginformation.nysdoh.suny.edu/>