## FIGURE 4. Recommended actions after delayed insertion or reinsertion\* with combined vaginal ring

Delayed insertion of a new ring or delayed reinsertion of a current Delayed insertion of a new ring or delayed reinsertion for ≥48 ring for <48 hours since a ring should have been inserted hours since a ring should have been inserted • Insert ring as soon as possible. • Insert ring as soon as possible. • Keep the ring in until the scheduled ring removal day. • Keep the ring in until the scheduled ring removal day. • No additional contraceptive protection is needed. • Use back-up contraception (e.g., condoms) or avoid sexual • Emergency contraception is not usually needed but can be intercourse until a ring has been worn for 7 consecutive days. considered (with the exception of UPA) if delayed insertion or • If the ring removal occurred in the third week of ring use: reinsertion occurred earlier in the cycle or in the last week of the o Omit the hormone-free week by finishing the third week of previous cycle. ring use and starting a new ring immediately. o If unable to start a new ring immediately, use back-up contraception (e.g., condoms) or avoid sexual intercourse until a new ring has been worn for 7 consecutive days. • Emergency contraception should be considered (with the exception of UPA) if the delayed insertion or reinsertion occurred within the first week of ring use and unprotected sexual intercourse occurred in the previous 5 days. • Emergency contraception may also be considered (with the exception of UPA) at other times as appropriate.

**Abbreviation:** UPA = ulipristal acetate.

<sup>\*</sup> If removal takes place but the woman is unsure of how long the ring has been removed, consider the ring to have been removed for ≥48 hours since a ring should have been inserted or reinserted.