**Takeaway: M5 S16 Admission Discharge Criteria PLW**

**Key Contents:**

* Acute malnutrition (AM) in PLW is defined based on **MUAC only (MUAC <230 mm).**
* Screening for malnutrition by **MUAC should be done at the first ANC/PNC** visit (and at every subsequent visit); if no ANC/PNC programme exists, screen all PLW in the health facility or nutrition programme where the PLW presents
* PLW can be admitted **directly into inpatient or outpatient** according to the admission criteria they present with
* PLW with **Severe medical complications** will be admitted into inpatient care (maternity)
* **Adolescent PLW** (<19 years), **regardless of their MUAC** will receive nutritional treatment in outpatient care in order to support their maternal and foetal growth.

In settings where **there is no nutrition programme** in place (TSFP, ATFC), all AM PLW **should receive nutritional treatment** at any general or specialised health facility (**OPD, ANC/PNC, maternity**)

The **discharge criteria** for PLW considers all the following aspects:

42 days after delivery for pregnant women (covering the post-partum period)

MUAC > 230 mm (*or until 6 months after delivery if MUAC criteria is not reached)*

No breastfeeding problems *(child is gaining weight)*

Stable physical and mental condition (with follow up arranged for ongoing problems if need be)

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* It is necessary to do an assessment of the psychosocial state of the mother to avoid putting their infant at risk of harmful care practices