

# Therapy Categories for NHIF Benchmarking Programs

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### Background

NHIF has plans to initiate several industry-wide data collection and reporting activities in 2019, starting with Patient Satisfaction Benchmarking. NHIF also has plans to collect data in 2019 that will allow the Foundation to publish a report summarizing the business trends in the home infusion industry. In order to streamline how the data for various benchmarks will be reported and analyzed, it is necessary to develop a standardized list of therapy categories for use in data analysis and cross-tabulations. Therefore, NHIF is releasing the proposed list of therapy categories that will be used in the initial benchmarking program. Providers may wish to collect more detailed therapy category data at an organizational level; however the more detailed data can be mapped to the broader category for national reporting purposes.

NHIF recognizes that individual differences exist with regard to the clinical terminology used today. NHIF also recognizes that some adaptation will need to occur to achieve standardization with these outcome data elements. The standardized definitions being proposed are intended to be broad enough to accommodate variations in software and data collection processes between providers. If you have questions or comments about the proposed list of therapy categories, please send your comments to Connie Sullivan, Vice President of Research and Innovation at [connie.sullivan@nhia.org](mailto:connie.sullivan@nhia.org).

### Standard therapy categories for industry-wide data initiatives:

- Anti-infective (antibiotics, anti-fungals, anti-virals)
- Parenteral nutrition
- Hydration
- Pain
- Inotropic
- Antineoplastic chemotherapy
- Immune globulin – IV

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- Immune globulin – SC
- Bleeding disorder
- Biologic - other (e.g. monoclonal antibodies, enzymes)
- Other (non-biologic) (e.g. steroids, anti-emetic)
- Catheter care