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# Therapy Categories for NHIF Benchmarking Programs

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## Background

NHIF has plans to initiate several industry-wide benchmarking programs to inspire quality improvement and demonstrate the value of services provided by the home and specialty infusion community. 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 all future benchmarking programs. 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.

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

- Anti-infective/antimicrobial (antibiotics, anti-fungals, anti-virals)
- Parenteral nutrition
- Enteral nutrition (rev. October 2019)
- Hydration
- Pain
- Inotropic
- Anti-neoplastic chemotherapy
- Immune globulin – IV
- Immune globulin – SC
- Bleeding disorder
- Biologic - other (e.g. monoclonal antibodies, enzymes)
- Other (non-biologic) (e.g. steroids, anti-emetic)
- Catheter care