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We are excited to announce that LaClaro has launched an enhanced coding tool inside of Lighthouse. This tool will save coders and billing staff time and make coding more accurate. All total, there are nearly 700,000 NCCI edits that are being tested by the page. The coding tool has been set up to look for the following items:

- Are the codes properly ordered (using current year Medicare Facility RVUs)?
- Is the code a valid code for the current year?
- Are the codes bundled, and if so, is a modifier used that is different than the primary code?
- If the codes are bundled and cannot be unbundled with the use of a modifier, this is indicated.
- Are the codes mutually exclusive, and if so, is a modifier used that is different than the primary code?
- If the codes are mutually exclusive and cannot be exempted with the use of a modifier, this is indicated.

This tool is very straight forward and easy to use. Clients can find this tool in the menu bar under “Tools” → “Coding tools”.

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