



# Improving Data Quality

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# What exactly is data quality?

Data quality is a term that refers to the reliability and validity of client-level data in HMIS. It is measured by the extent to which data in the system reflects actual information in the real world.

With good data quality, a CoC can accurately tell the story of the individuals and families it serves.

# Nevada's Data Quality Plan

A data quality plan is a community-level document that facilitates the ability of the CoC to achieve statistically valid and reliable data. A data quality plan sets expectations for the CoC, the HMIS Lead Agency and the end users to capture valid and reliable data on persons accessing the homeless assistance system throughout the community.

Nevada's *Data Quality Plan* can be found on the NVCMIS website, under Getting Started: New Agency Sign Up



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## Nevada's Data Quality Plan

Agencies will take primary responsibility for entering, verifying, and correcting data entry: Agency staff will measure completeness by running APRs and other reports, then distribute those reports to staff tasked with improving data quality and completeness. It is the responsibility of Agency management to ensure staff tasked with correcting data quality issues do so in a timely manner.





## How does data quality impact your agency's reporting?

- ▶ Funding
- ▶ Program effectiveness
- ▶ Client experience as they move through a continuum of care
- ▶ Advocacy efforts



## How does data quality impact federal reporting?

- ▶ Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA)
- ▶ System Performance Measures( SPMs)
- ▶ Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point in Time (PIT) Count
- ▶ Continuum of Care Application

# Finding data quality errors

- ▶ Demographics
  - Special Assessments (Self Sufficiency Assessment)
- ▶ Program Enrollments
- ▶ Program Exits
- ▶ Program Assessments (Current Living Assessment)
- ▶ Annual Assessment
- ▶ Services



# When to review data elements

## Daily Reviews

Profile screen spot checks to verify most current demographic information

Review entry and exit program screens to ensure all data fields are filled in and accurate

If working with a new client, ensure a ROI is present and currently active

If working with an existing client, ensure information is still relevant

## Quarterly Reviews

Family/group enrollments

Abandoned enrollments

Duplicate enrollments

Inconsistencies in disabling condition & disability type

Missing annual assessments

Enrollment issues

## Annual Reviews

Clients with unlikely birthdays

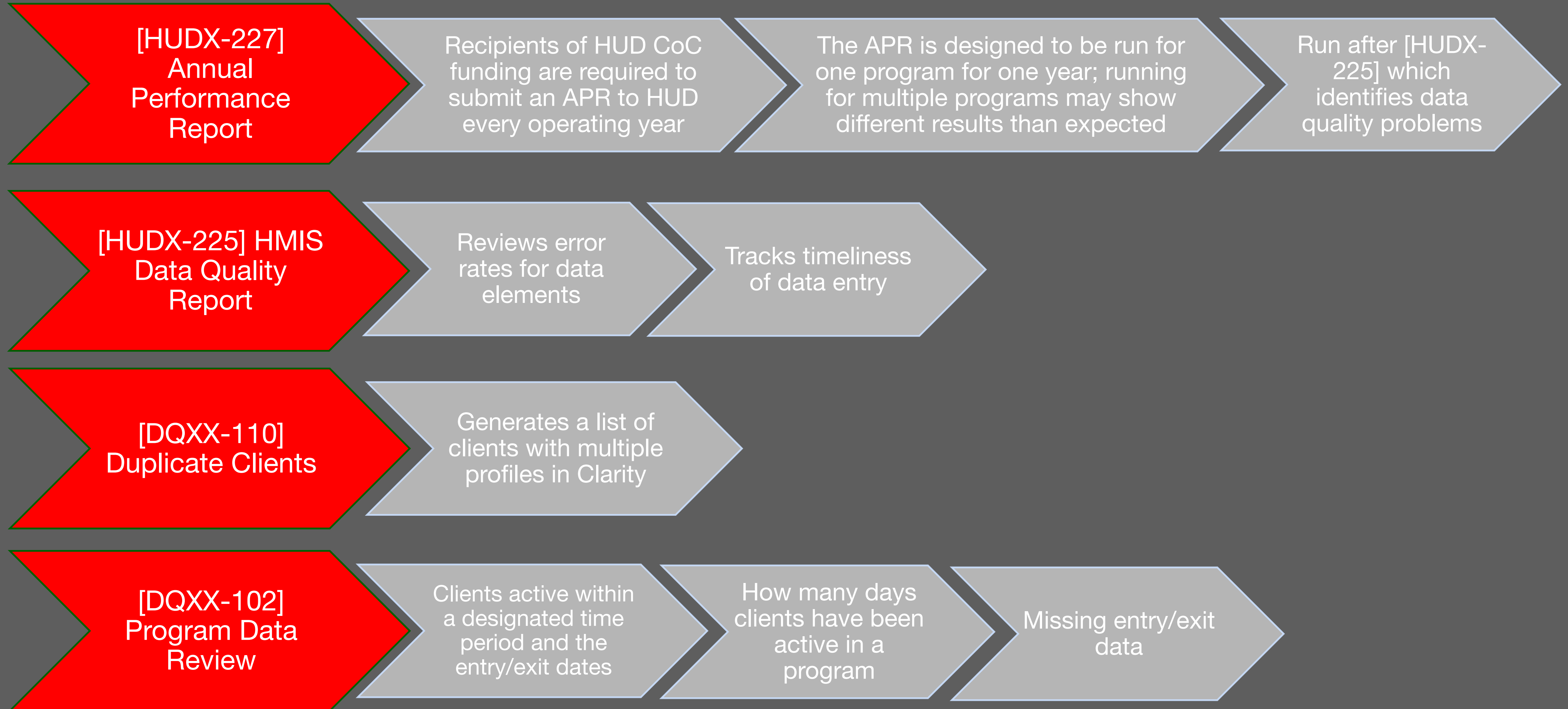
Inactive programs with open enrollments

Active programs with no enrollments in the past year

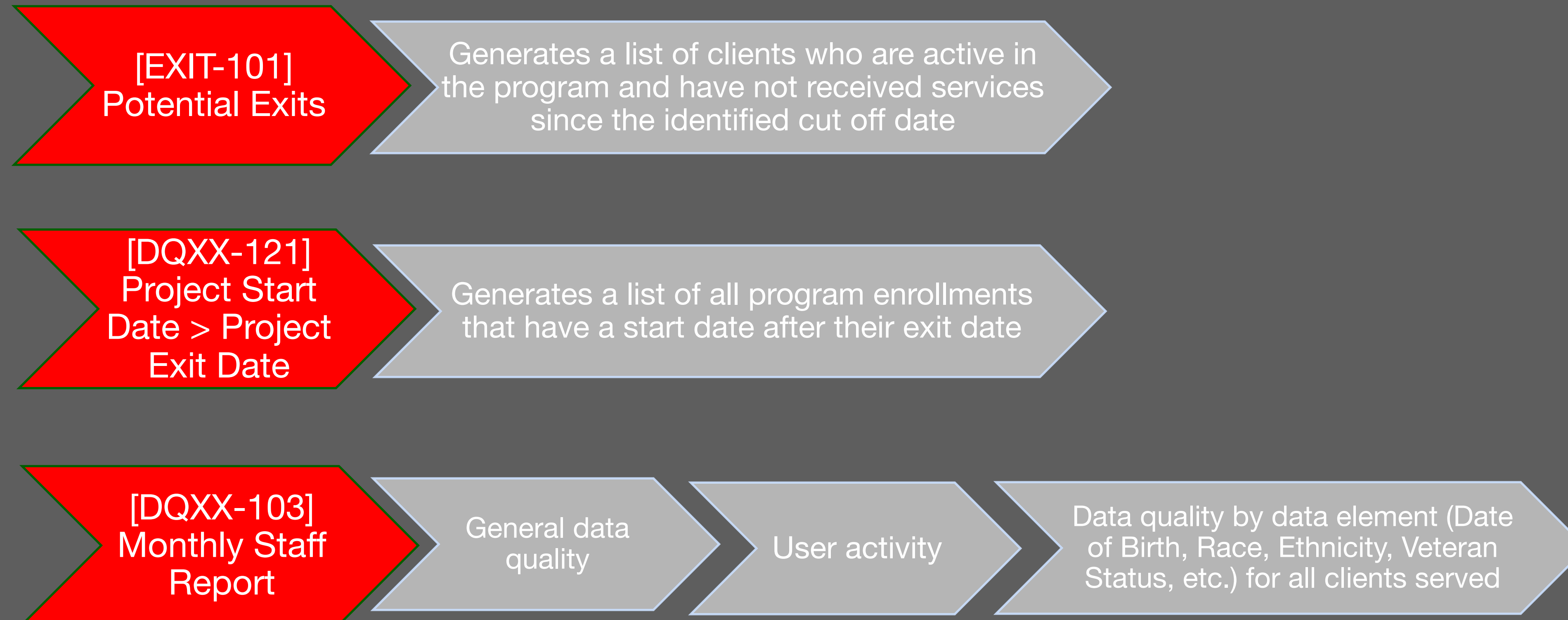
Project start date > project end date

Project set-up review

# Reports found in the HMIS Report Library



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# DEMONSTRATION



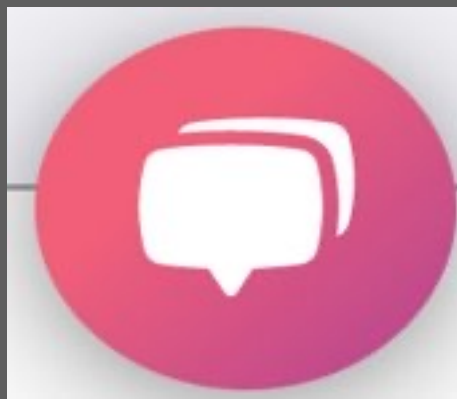
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