the Secretary), within 30 days of completing the assessment of the beneficiary.

(b) Standard: Accuracy of encoded OASIS data. The encoded OASIS data must accurately reflect the patient’s status at the time of assessment.

(c) Standard: Transmittal of OASIS data. An HHA must—

(1) For all completed assessments, transmit OASIS data in a format that meets the requirements of paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) Successfully transmit test data to the State agency or CMS OASIS contractor.

(3) Transmit data using electronics communications software that provides a direct telephone connection from the HHA to the State agency or CMS OASIS contractor.

(4) Transmit data that includes the CMS-assigned branch identification number, as applicable.

(d) Standard: Data Format. The HHA must encode and transmit data using the software available from CMS or software that conforms to CMS standard electronic record layout, edit specifications, and data dictionary, and that includes the required OASIS data set.