NIERENBERG DAVID Form SC 13D/A December 18, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 4) *

AMEDISYS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON

(Title of Class of Securities)

023436108

(CUSIP Number)

David Nierenberg, The D3 Family Fund, 19605 NE 8th St., Camas, WA 98607 (360)604-8600

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

12/1/2003

(Date of Event which Requires
 Filing of this Statement)

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1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

	The D3 Family Fund, L.P. (David Nierenberg is President of the General Partner, which is Nierenberg Investment Management Company, Inc.)								
2)	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [X] (b) []								
3)	SEC USE ONLY								
4)	SOURCE OF FUNDS								
	WC								
5)	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []								
6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Washington								
	NUMBER OF	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER 915,780 (7.7%)						
	SHARES BENEFICIALLY	81	SHARED VOTING POWER						
	OWNED BY	0,	0						
	EACH REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 915,780						
	PERSON	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER						
11)	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON Aggregate amount owned is 1,459,944 shares (12.3%)								
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6)	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION										
	Washington										
	NUMBER OF	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER								
			383,370 (3.2)								
	BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER								
	OWNED BY		0								
	EACH	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER								
	REPORTING PERSON		383,370								
	WITH	10)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER								
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	The Bahamas								
	7) NUMBER OF SHARES	7)	SOLE VOTING POWER						
		79,419 (0.7%)							
	BENEFICIALLY	8)	SHARED VOTING POWER						
	OWNED BY		0						
	EACH								
	REPORTING	9)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER						

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		principal busi	ness i	L.P., a Washington State limited parts s investing in domestic micro-cap pub . 8th St., Camas, Washington 98607. No	lic equities.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Source of funds is money invested in the partnership by its partners. Aggregate amount invested by The D3 Family Fund, L.P.in AMED is \$6,562,700.

or administrative proceedings as described in Item 2(d) and (e).

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

We have neither bought nor sold shares of AMED. Rather we are making this filing because AMED's recently announced private placement of common shares has altered our ownership percentage.

We remain convinced that home health care has solid prospects as the low cost, high quality alternative to inpatient hospitalization. And we believe that AMED has a bright future in this market segment, as a rapidly growing regional consolidator of high quality geriatric home

nursing services for Medicare patients.

Though AMED's share price this year has risen from \$6.04 to recent price levels, we are still holding all of our shares for long-term investment. We view the company as being capable of growing EPS at a 30% annual rate for some time to come; therefore, we expect to remain a substantial shareholder at least until the company's forward P-E multiple rises to approximate its long-term earnings growth rate.

- Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer
 - (a,b) D3 Family Fund owns and has sole voting power over 915,780 AMED shares.
 - (c) N/A
 - (d) N/A
 - (e) N/A
- Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer $\rm N/A$
- Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits $_{\mbox{\scriptsize N/A}}$

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\tt I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

August 6, 2003 ------ /s/DAVID NIERENBERG

David Nierenberg

President

Nierenberg Investment Management Company, Inc., the General Partner of The D3 Family Fund, L.P.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

Common stock of Amedisys, Inc. (AMED), 11100 Mead Road, Suite 300, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Item 2. Identity and Background

The D3 Family Retirement Fund, L.P., a Washington State limited partnership, whose principal business is investing in domestic micro-cap public equities. Located at 19605 N.E. 8th St., Camas, Washington 98607. No convictions or administrative proceedings as described in Item 2(d) and (e).

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Source of funds is money invested in the partnership by its partners. Aggregate amount invested by The D3 Family Retirement Fund, L.P.in AMED is \$2,386,400.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

See Item 4., page 7.

- Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer
 - (a,b) D3 Family Retirement Fund owns and has sole voting power over 383,370 AMED shares.
 - (c) N/A
 - (d) N/A
 - (e) N/A
- Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

N/A

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

N/A

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\tt I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

December 16, 2003

/s/DAVID NIERENBERG

David Nierenberg
President
Nierenberg Investmen

Nierenberg Investment Management Company, Inc., the General Partner of The D3 Family Retirement Fund, L.P.

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

Common stock of Amedisys, Inc. (AMED), 11100 Mead Road, Suite 300, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Item 2. Identity and Background

The D3 Children's Fund, L.P., a Washington State limited partnership, whose principal business is investing in domestic micro-cap public equities. Located at 19605 N.E. 8th St., Camas, Washington 98607. No convictions or administrative proceedings as described in Item 2(d) and (e).

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Source of funds is money invested in the partnership by its partners. Aggregate amount invested by The D3 Children's Fund, L.P.in AMED 1s \$579,400.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

See Item 4., page 7.

- Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer
 - (a,b) D3 Children's Fund owns and has sole voting power over 79,875 AMED shares.
 - (c) N/A
 - (d) N/A
 - (e) N/A
- Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

N/A

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

N/A

Signature

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December 16, 2003

/s/DAVID NIERENBERG

Date

David Nierenberg
President
Nierenberg Investment Management
Company, Inc., the General Partner
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Item 1. Security and Issuer

Common stock of Amedisys, Inc. (AMED), 11100 Mead Road, Suite 300, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Item 2. Identity and Background

The D3 Offshore Fund, L.P., a Washington State limited partnership, whose principal business is investing in domestic micro-cap public equities. Located at 19605 N.E. 8th St., Camas, Washington 98607. No convictions or administrative proceedings as described in Item 2(d) and (e).

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Source of funds is money invested in the partnership by its partners. Aggregate amount invested by The D3 Children's Fund, L.P.in AMED 1s \$546,600.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

See Item 4., page 7.

- Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer
 - (a,b) D3 Children's Fund owns and has sole voting power over 78,050 AMED shares.
 - (c) N/A
 - (d) N/A
 - (e) N/A
- Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

N/A

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

N/A

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December 16, 2003

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

Common stock of Amedisys, Inc. (AMED), 11100 Mead Road, Suite 300, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

- Item 2. Identity and Background
 - (a) Henry Hooper, a United States Citizen.
 - (b) 4317 Wistaria Dr., Portland, OR 97213.
 - (c) Mr. Hooper is a General Partner of the D3 Family Fund, LP.
 - (d) No convictions or administrative proceedings as described in Items $2\,\mbox{(d)}$ and $\mbox{(e)}$.
 - (e) None.
 - (f) United States, resident of Oregon.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Mr. Hooper has sole voting and dispositive power over, his 1,500 AMED shares.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

See Item 4., page 7.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a,b) Mr. Hooper has sole voting and dispositive power over, his $1,500~\mathrm{AMED}$ shares.
- (c) N/A
- (d) N/A
- (e) N/A
- Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

N/A

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

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Signature

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December 16, 2003

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David Nierenberg President

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