AMEDISYS INC Form SC 13G January 07, 2004 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGECOMMISSION Washington D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act 1934 (Amendment No.) AMEDISYS INC _____ (Name of Issuer) COMMON _____ (Title of Class of Securities) 023436108 _____ (CUSIP Number) Calendar Year 2003 _____ (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO DESIGNATE THE RULE PURSUANT TO WHICH THIS SCHEDULE IS FILED:

[X] RULE 13D-1(b)

[] RULE 13D-1(c)

_____ 1. Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification No. of above person RUTABAGA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT I.R.S. Identification No.: 04-3451870 _____ 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a)[] (b)[] _____ 3. SEC Use Only _____ 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization Massachusetts _____ 5. Sole Voting Power NUMBER OF SHARES 438,000 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 6. Shared Voting Power EACH REPORTING 249,643 PERSON 7. Sole Dispositive Power WITH 687,643 8. Shared Dispositive Power 0 _____ Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each 9. Reporting Person 687,643

 Check if the aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares []

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

6.95%
12. Type of Reporting Person IA
Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER
AMEDISYS INC
Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICES
11100 Mead Road Suite 300 Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING
Rutabaga Capital Management
Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICES
64 Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02109
Item 2(c). Citizenship
MASSACHUSETTS
Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES
COMMON STOCK
Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER

023436108

Item 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS BEING FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

(a) [] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15
of the Act(15 U.S.C 780);

[] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the (b) Act(15 U.S.C 78c); [] insurance company as defined in Section (C) 3(a)(19) of the Act(15 U.S.C 78c); (d) [] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940(15 U.S.C. 80a-8); [X] An investment adviser in accordance with (e) section 240.13d-1(b)(I)(ii)(E) (f) [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); (g) [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); (h) [] A savings association as defined in in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act(12 U.S.C 1813); (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940(15 U.S.C. 80a-3); (j) [] Group, in accordance with 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J) If this statement is filed pursuant to 13d-1(c), check this box. [] Item 4. OWNERSHIP Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1. (a) Amount beneficially owned: 687,643 _____ (b) Percent of class: 6.95% _____

(c) Number of Shares as to which person has:
(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: 438,000
(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 249,643
(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 687,643
(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following []

Not Applicable

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not Applicable

Item 7. IDENTIFIACTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH AQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not Applicable

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF A GROUP.

Not Applicable

Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not Applicable

Item 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred above were not acquired or held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: January 7, 2004

Rutabaga Capital Management

By: /s/ Dana Cohen Dana Cohen, Principal