

## **Difference Between Current Rate Schedules and Those Released on August 25, 2003**

The current rate Schedules are different from the rate Schedules published on August 25, 2003. While most of the rates remained the same, the following is a list of differences between the two Schedules:

1. The numbering in the tables of the Rate Schedules were changed. The August 25, 2003 Schedules were numbered in their titles as 1.3, 2.3, 3.3 and 4.3. The current rate Schedules are organized in the following order:
  - ❑ Schedule 1.4 lists rates applicable for SFY 04 only (phase-in rates),
  - ❑ Schedule 2.4 lists conversion to group home daily rates applicable for SFY 04 only (phase-in rates), and
  - ❑ Schedule 3.4 lists rates that will be in effect starting with SFY 05 (adopted rates).
  - ❑ Schedule 4.4 lists conversion to group home daily rates that will be in effect starting with SFY 05 (adopted rates).

Subsequent changes in Schedules will follow this numbering convention. As new schedules are released, they will be numbered to reflect the version (e.g., the next version of 3.4 will be numbered 3.5).

2. Day Treatment Services:
  - ❑ The Unit of Service section of Schedule 1 and Schedule 3, Sub-Schedule B, was adjusted to reflect changes in billing rules (i.e. Qualified Vendors may calculate their ratio of actual hours on a daily basis or at the end of the month).
3. Group Home Services:
  - ❑ The Introduction section of Schedule 2 and Schedule 4 was adjusted to reflect changes in billing rules (i.e. Qualified Vendors may calculate the *per diem* rate weekly or at the end of the month).
4. Professional Services:
  - ❑ Rates for Nursing, short-term and continuous, that reimburse providers for extended travel to and from their service site, were added in Schedule 1 and Schedule 3, Sub-Schedule D.
5. Transportation Services:
  - ❑ The following urban and rural exceptional transportation modified rates were added in Schedule 1 and Schedule 3, Sub-Schedule E:
    - ❑ Single Person Modified Rate, to be used when a consumer has significant transportation needs associated with behavior needs (e.g. needs an aide to ride on the vehicle), wheelchair or other equipment needs or location and needs a single person transport; and
    - ❑ Extensive Distance Modified Rate, to be used when a consumer must travel 25 to 90 miles one way to attend a day program.
  - ❑ Description of circumstances under which exceptional transportation modified rates apply was added.