

## **Allen Dobson, Ph.D.**

Allen Dobson, Ph.D, is a Senior Vice President at The Lewin Group. Dr. Dobson has been involved with the development of Medicare and Medicaid program policy for over two decades. He is especially knowledgeable about hospital and physician payment and reimbursement strategies. For the past several years, he has studied Medicare's provider payment methodologies (e.g., OHPPS, RUGs, physician payment) and has led a continuing effort to model the impact of physician and hospital payment policies upon providers using micro-simulation and econometric techniques. Dr. Dobson has analyzed the impact of managed care on the demand for inpatient hospital services and worked on the development of payment risk adjusters.

Dr. Dobson recently led numerous studies of Medicare post-acute care (e.g., skilled nursing facilities and long term hospitals). The August 30, 2002 Federal Register makes reference to the "research conducted by The Lewin Group" that underpins the prospective payment system for long term hospitals. Dr. Dobson led that work. He recently led several projects on physician payment for the California Workers' Compensation program. Dr. Dobson is currently leading an ongoing effort to advise the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on issues concerning physician practice expenses. He is also leading a project for the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) on hospital charge setting practices.

Dr. Dobson is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars, has testified before the U.S. Congress, MedPAC, and various state commissions on health payment and health data issues. He has also authored articles and reports on a wide range of health care financing and delivery topics in journals such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Inquiry*, *Health Affairs* and *Health Care Financing Review*. Prior to joining Lewin, Dr. Dobson was Director of the Office of Research at CMS, formerly Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) while Medicare PPS was developed and implemented, and Director of the Office of Analysis in the Public Health Service where he conducted studies of a broad variety of Public Health Service programs. Al is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of Washington, Seattle and earned his Ph.D. in Economics from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1970.