

# Cheney Treated in Hospital For an Irregular Heartbeat

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP) — Doctors at a Washington hospital administered an electrical shock Monday to Vice President Dick Cheney's heart and entered it to correct a

a life-threatening complication, the formation of blood clots that can move to the brain and cause a stroke.

The main treatment is to treat

***If he were anyone else, he'd probably be dead by now.***

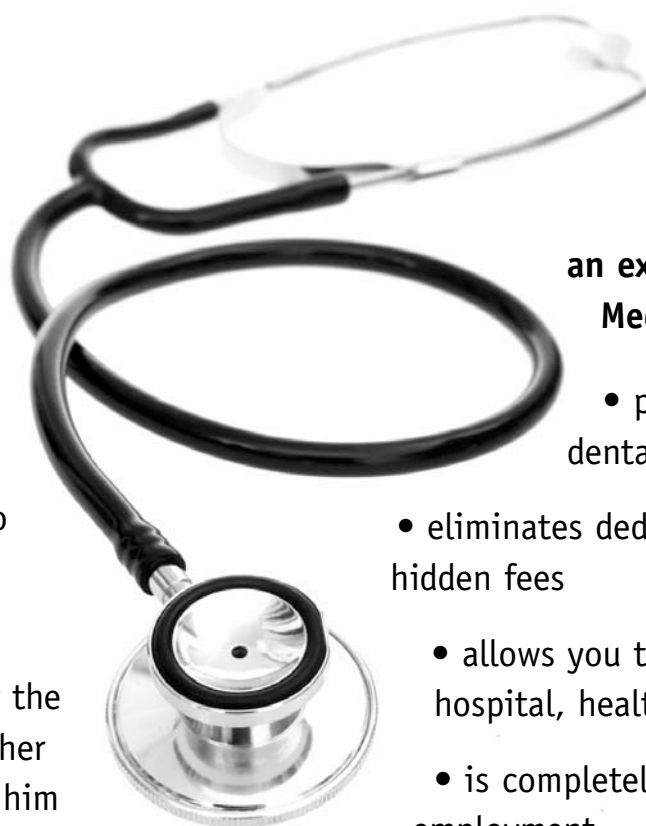
The patient's history and prognosis were grim: four heart attacks, quadruple bypass surgery, angioplasty, an implanted defibrillator and now an emergency procedure to treat an irregular heartbeat.

For millions of Americans, this might be a death sentence. For the vice president, it was just another medical treatment. And it cost him very little.

Unlike the average American, the president, vice president and members of Congress all enjoy government-financed health care with few restrictions or prohibitive fees. They are never turned away for pre-existing conditions or denied care for what an insurance company labels "experimental treatments."

The rest of us deserve no less.

We call on the presidential candidates to support **HR 676, the National Health Insurance Act**—



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Let's talk about real solutions. Forcing people to *buy* insurance doesn't provide better or more universal care. It just pads the pockets of the insurance companies. Medicare for all puts health care decision-making power back where it belongs—in *your* hands.

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