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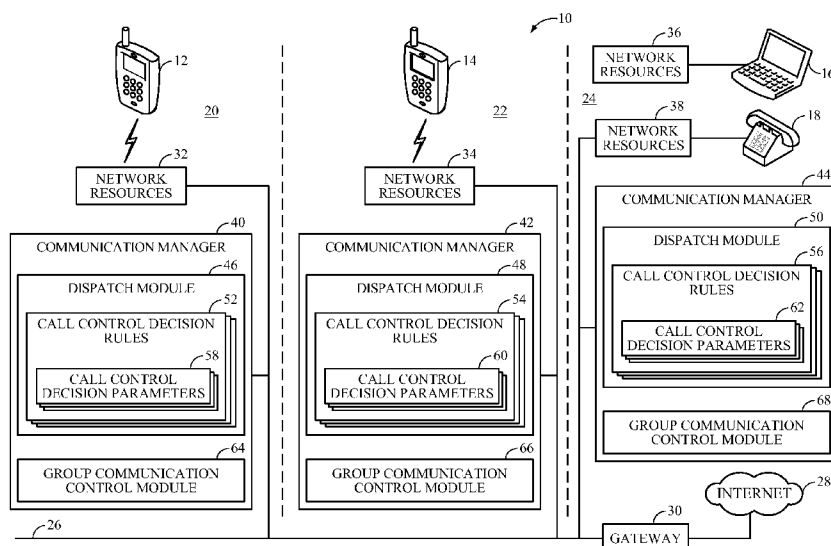
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOCATING NETWORK RESOURCES IN A GROUP COMMUNICATION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: Methods, devices, apparatus, computer-readable media and processors are provided for allocating network resources in a group communication system based on one or more call control rules. Call control rules may utilize one or more call control decision parameters including, but not limited to, the location of the group call members, the cost of the communication link and/or network resource options, the network load of the communication link options and the security status and/or priority status of the group call and/or the group call members. By basing allocation of the network resources on one or more of the call control decision parameters, the group communication call may experience improved latency and call cost, and/or may be assigned the requisite call security and/or call priority.



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