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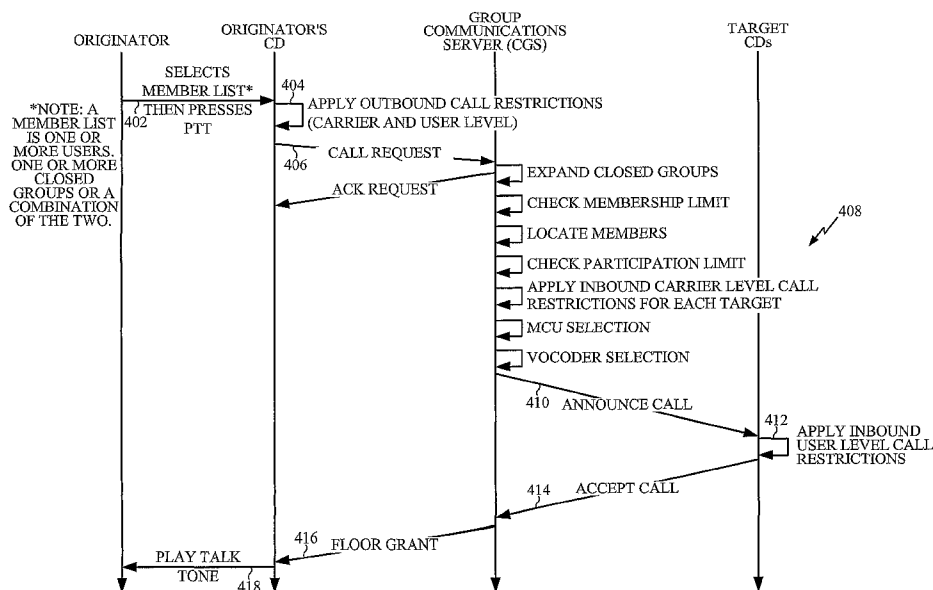
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(57) Abstract: The disclosed embodiments provide methods and apparatus for restricting media communication in a wireless communication network. The method includes receiving an indication from an originator for setting up a media communication session with at least one target, applying at least one media communication restriction, and sending a request for setting up the media communication if the originator is allowed to have media communication with at least one of the targets. The media communication restriction includes inbound and/or outbound media communication restriction. The media communication restriction also includes carrier-level media communication restrictions and/or user-level media communication restrictions.

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