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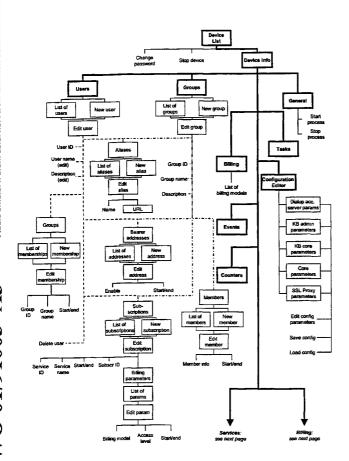
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is a method and system for implementing the billing features of a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) Gateway. The system provides for billing on multiple plans that can vary the method of billing, the time of payment, the entity responsible for payment, and the price of various services offered. In addition, the system allows for billing of individuals or groups of individuals on a uniform billing plan. The Gateway collects billing data in an information database from which data can be transferred to a separate billing system in a standard format. Because the billing data output from the information database is in the same format as all common telephone billing systems, billing for services used through the Gateway is very convenient. The billing system also provides for identification of individual users based upon a bearer address (e.g. MSISDN, telephone number, or IP address) for authorization and billing purposes. Billing can be implemented solely by the WAP Gateway billing system or in conjunction with other entities, such as an Internet service provider.

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