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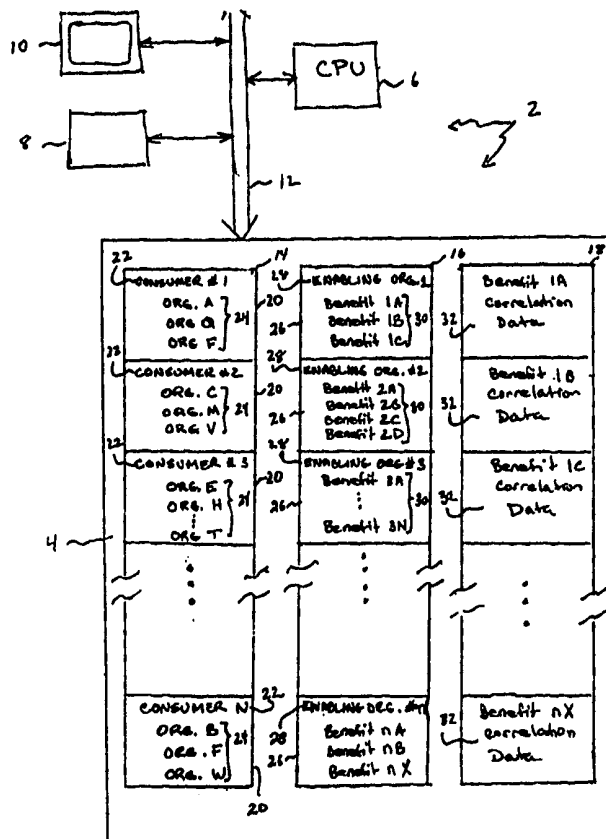
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(57) Abstract

A computer system and method of permitting a consumer to more effectively make use of a variety of available benefits from a plurality of goods and service providers, wherein the benefits are offered specifically to those consumers having an association with one or more enabling organizations. The system includes a memory (4) for storing consumer information (22), enabling organization information (28), and benefit correlation information (32), input hardware (10, 8) for inputting identification information and a set of purchase plan data for the consumer. The system compares the identification information to the consumer information to determine those enabling organization, if any, to which the consumer has an affiliation. The enabling organization information is then analyzed along with benefit correlation information to determine whether any enabling organization to which the consumer is affiliated is offering a potentially applicable benefit for the purchase plan data. The system also determines whether the purchase plan data satisfies all requirements for obtaining the potentially applicable benefit and displays the results.



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