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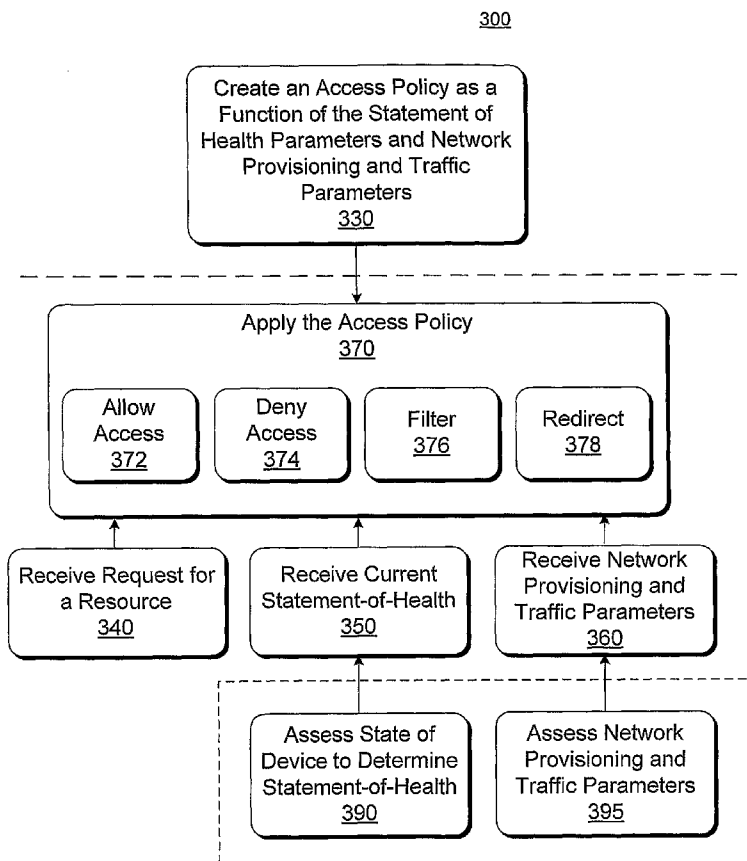
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(57) Abstract: A network access protection method includes creating an access policy as a function of statement-of-health information. The network access protection method also includes selectively allowing, denying or redirecting communications based upon the access policy and the current statement-of-health of one or more computing devices associated with the communications.

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