SERVICE PROVIDER SUBSIDY LOCK

Abstract: The present invention provides a method for operating a wireless communications device, and comprises identifying a wireless network for communicating with the device in response to receiving subscriber provided network identity data, activating a restricted use mode restricting communications between the wireless network and the device, receiving network provided network security data from the wireless network in response to a request for the network provided network security data transmitted from the device to the wireless network, deactivating the restricted use mode in response to determining that subscriber provided network security data corresponds to the network provided network security data.
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