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[54] METHODS FOR ASSIGNING SUBSCRIBER UNITS TO VISITED GATEWAYS

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[57] ABSTRACT

Methods (100) assign a subscriber unit (30) to be served by a gateway (40) based on such factors as the location of the subscriber unit (30), whether the call is to be intercepted and whether the serving gateway (40) is capable of servicing the connection request. The method (100) does not drop a call because the visited gateway initially assigned by the home gateway (40) is unable to service the connection request; but instead routes the call around disabled or congested gateways to an alternate visited gateway that is capable of servicing the connection request.

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