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**Title:** CRs to Rel-6 related to Auth-Application-Id on Work Item “Gx interface for Flow Based Charging”  
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**Introduction:**

This document contains 1 CR to Rel-6 on Work Item “Gx interface for Flow Based Charging” that have been agreed by TSG CT WG3, and are forwarded to TSG CT Plenary for approval.

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C3-050383	29.210	018	1	F	Gx Auth-Application-Id AVP use	Rel-6	6.1.0	CH-FBC

## CHANGE REQUEST

# 29.210 CR 018 # rev 1 # Current version: 6.1.0 #  
[04]

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**Proposed change affects:** UICC apps  ME  Radio Access Network  Core Network

<b>Title:</b>	# Gx Auth-Application-Id AVP use		
<b>Source:</b>	# Ericsson, Nortel Networks		
<b>Work item code:</b>	# CH-FBC	<b>Date:</b>	# 26/04/2005
<b>Category:</b>	# <b>F</b>	<b>Release:</b>	# Rel-6
	Use <u>one</u> of the following categories: <b>F</b> (correction) <b>A</b> (corresponds to a correction in an earlier release) <b>B</b> (addition of feature), <b>C</b> (functional modification of feature) <b>D</b> (editorial modification) Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP <a href="#">TR 21.900</a> .		Use <u>one</u> of the following releases: Ph2 (GSM Phase 2) R96 (Release 1996) R97 (Release 1997) R98 (Release 1998) R99 (Release 1999) Rel-4 (Release 4) Rel-5 (Release 5) Rel-6 (Release 6) Rel-7 (Release 7)

**Reason for change:** # In the target specification it is said that Gx should have a specific Application Id in order to univocally identify it. But there is no specification of how this specific application id is included in the message.

The following facts occur:

- The standard way of using vendor specific application ids is using the "Vendor-Specific-Application-Id" AVP.
- Diameter Base Application states that only one Application Id AVP can be used at the same time.
- The commands used in this protocol have the "Auth.Application-Id" AVP as a mandatory AVP,
- According to IETF politics, the standard Diameter command should have their mandatory parameters unmodified and always being included in the message.
- According to standard Diameter extensions, it is only feasible to add optional parameters to the already defined parameters if the command code is not changed. These optional parameters could be added in all the applications that use a particular standard command.
- Auth-Application-Id and Vendor-Specific-Application-Id share the same numbering space.

The conclusion is that it is not feasible to follow the standard way of including the Vendor Specific Application Id. Therefore a specific way of using the application Id should be stated without breaking the main rules set up by IETF.

<b>Summary of change:</b> ⌘	{ Auth-Application-Id } is used to include the Gx application id value in order to keep the standard command code unchanged. It is also explicitly said that capabilities negotiation will use the Vendor-Specific-Application-Id following the normal procedure.  Also Auth-Application-Id AVP is removed from those commands that do not include it in their original specification within the IETF.
<b>Consequences if not approved:</b> ⌘	It is not explained where to include the Gx application id.

<b>Clauses affected:</b> ⌘	6, 6.1, 6.1.4								
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\*\*\*\*\* FIRST MODIFIED SECTION \*\*\*\*\*

## 6 Gx Messages

Gx Messages are carried within the Diameter Application(s) described in the sub-clauses below. These Applications are defined as vendor specific Diameter applications, where the vendor is 3GPP. The vendor identifier assigned by IANA to 3GPP (<http://www.iana.org/assignments/enterprise-numbers>) is 10415.

The TPF and the CRF shall advertise the support of the 3GPP vendor specific Diameter Application for the Gx Application and/or the Gx over Gy Application by including the value of the appropriate application identifier(s) in the Capabilities-Exchange-Request and Capabilities-Exchange-Answer commands [as specified in RFC 3588 \[4\], i.e. as part of the Vendor-Specific-Application-Id AVP](#). The Capabilities-Exchange-Request and Capabilities-Exchange-Answer commands are specified in the Diameter Base Protocol.

Existing Diameter command codes from the Diameter base protocol RFC 2588 [4] and the Diameter Credit Control Application (draft-ietf-aaa-diameter-cc-06.txt) [8] are used with the Gx specific AVPs specified in clause 5.2. The Diameter Credit Control Application AVPs and AVPs from other Diameter applications that are re-used are defined in clause 5.3. [Due to the definition of these commands there is no possibility to skip the Auth-Application-Id AVP and use the Vendor-Specific-Application-Id AVP instead. Therefore the Gx application identifier shall be included in the Auth-Application-Id AVP.](#)

In the GPRS case, the association between the PDP sessions and the Diameter Credit Control sessions shall be done in a one-to-one basis (i.e. 1 PDP session = 1 DCC session), and each PDP context (one primary and zero or more secondary PDP contexts) shall map to a Diameter sub-session (i.e. 1 PDP context = 1 DCC sub-session). The release of the last PDP Context shall be indicated by the release of the whole DCC session, whereas release of a single PDP Context, with others remaining, shall be indicated by the release of the sub-session corresponding to that PDP Context.

\*\*\*\*\* NEXT MODIFIED SECTION \*\*\*\*\*

### 6.1 Gx Application

Gx reference point shall use Diameter Gx Application as described in this chapter when the CRF functionality is implemented in a standalone device. The Auth-Application-Id for the Gx Application is xxx as allocated by IANA. [This value shall be included in the Auth-Application-Id AVP for the CCR, CCA and RAR commands.](#)

**Editor's note: The application id needs to be allocated from IANA.**

A Gx Application specific Auth-Application-Id is used together with the command code to identify the Gx Application messages.

\*\*\*\*\* NEXT MODIFIED SECTION \*\*\*\*\*

#### 6.1.4 Re-Auth-Answer (RAA) Command

The RAA command, indicated by the Command-Code field set to 258 and the 'R' bit cleared in the Command Flags field, is sent by the TPF to the CRF in response to the RAR command.

Message Format:

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<RA-Answer> ::= < Diameter Header: 258, PXY >
                < Session-Id >
                { Auth-Application-Id }
                { Origin-Host }
                { Origin-Realm }
                [ Result-Code ]
                [ Experimental-Result ]
                [ CC-Sub-Session-Id ]
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[ Origin-State-Id ]  
[ Error-Message ]  
[ Error-Reporting-Host ]  
*[ Failed-AVP ]  
*[ Proxy-Info ]  
*[ AVP ]
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\*\*\*\*\* **END OF MODIFIED SECTIONS** \*\*\*\*\*