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1 Scope

The present document specifies the protocol that is used for service based interface. The API definitions and data type definitions are aligned with the common charging architecture specified in TS 32.240 [1]. The present document is related to other 3GPP charging TSs as follows:

- The common 3GPP charging architecture is specified in TS 32.240 [1].
- The 5G data connectivity is specified in TS 32.255[30].
- The service, operations and procedures of 5G charging for service based interface is specified in TS 32.290 [58].

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[1] 3GPP TS 32.240: "Telecommunication management; Charging management; Charging architecture and principles".

[2] - [28] Void.

[29] 3GPP TS 32.274: "Telecommunication management; Charging management;Short Message Service (SMS) charging".

[30] 3GPP TS 32.255: "Telecommunication management; Charging management; 5G Data connectivity domain charging; stage 2".

[31] - [49] Void.

[50] - [57] Void.

[58] 3GPP TS 32.290: "Telecommunication management; Charging management; 5G system; Services, operations and procedures of charging using Service Based Interface (SBI).

[59] - [99] Void.

[100] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

[101] - [199] Void

[200] - [203] Void

[204] - [298] Void

[299] 3GPP TS 29.500: "5G System; Technical Realization of Service Based Architecture; Stage 3".

[300] 3GPP TS 29.501: "5G System; Principles and Guidelines for Services Definition; Stage 3".

[301] 3GPP TS 29.594: "5G System; Spending Limit Control Service; Stage 3".

[302] 3GPP TS 29.512: "5G System; Session Management Policy Control Service; Stage 3".

[303] - [370] Void

[371] 3GPP TS 29.571: "5G System; Common Data Types for Service Based Interfaces; Stage 3".

[372] - [389] Void

[390] 3GPP TS 33.501: "Security architecture and procedures for 5G System".

[391] - [399] Void

[400] Void.

[401] IETF RFC 7540: "Hypertext Transfer Protocol Version 2 (HTTP/2) ".

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3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

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3.2 Symbols

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Nchf Service based interface exhibited by CHF.

3.3 Abbreviations

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AF	Application Function
AMF	Access and Mobility Management Function
CHF	Charging Function
CTF	Charging Trigger Function
GPSI	Generic Public Subscription Identifier
GUAMI	Globally Unique AMF Identifier
NF	Network Function
PEI	Permanent Equipment Identifier
QBC	QoS flow Based Charging
QFI	QoS Flow Identifier
SMSF	Short Message Service Function
SMF	Session Management Function
SSC	Session and Service Continuity
SUPI	Subscription Permanent Identifier

4 Overview

4.1 Service architecture

The Converged Charging Service is provided by the CHF to the consumer and shown in the SBI representation model in figure 4. 1.1. The 5G Data connectivity domain charging is depicted in 3GPP TS 32.255 [30].

The ConvergedCharging Service (Nchf_ ConvergedCharging) is part of the Nchf service-based interface exhibited by the Charging Function (CHF) , with SMF and SMSF as the NF Service Consumer.

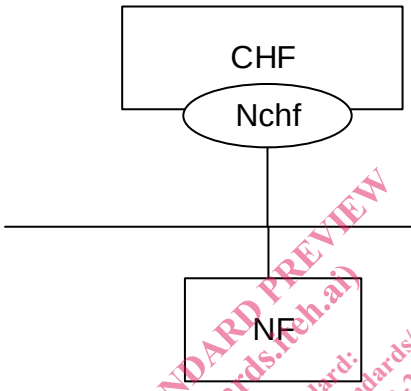

Figure 4. 1.1: Reference Architecture for the Nchf_ConvergedCharging Service; SBI representation

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4.2 Network functions

4.2.1 Charging Function (CHF)

The CHF is responsible for converged online charging and offline charging functionalities. The CHF provides the following:

- Quota;
- Re-authorisation triggers;
- Notification when Charging Domain determines rating conditions is affected or when CHF determines to terminate the charging service;
- Receiving service usage reports from NF Service Consumer; and
- CDRs generation.

4.2.2 NF Service Consumers

The NF Service Consumers shall support:

- Requesting and receiving the quota(s);
- Sending service usage reports; and
- Handling quota re-authorisation or abort notifications.

5 Services offered by the CHF

5.1 Introduction

The following services are provided by the CHF.

Table 5.1-1: NF Services provided by CHF

Service Name	Description	Consumer
Nchf_ConvergedCharging service	This service provides a converged charging for session and event based NF services, with and without quota management, as well as charging information record generation	SMF, SMSF
Nchf_SpendingLimitControl	This service enables the PCF to retrieve policy counter status information per UE from the CHF by subscribing to spending limit reporting (i.e. notifications of policy counter status changes).	PCF

The "Nchf_SpendingLimitControl" service is defined in 29.594 [301].

5.2 Nchf_ConvergedCharging service

5.2.1 Service description

This service provides charging in converged charging scenario by the CHF to the NF service consumer as defined in subclause 6.2 in 3GPP TS 32.290[58].

It includes the following functionalities:

- Create resource at service establishment or no existing ChargingData resource, and may allocate quotas based on the request from NF consumer;
- During the service consumption lifecycle, update resource upon receiving the quota usage or service usage report under a number of circumstances and allocate subsequent quotas based on the request from NF consumer;
- Release upon service termination, Unit Count Inactivity Timer expiry or error response; and
- Notify NF Service Consumer of the re-authorisation triggers when CHF determines rating conditions is affected, or the abort triggers when CHF determines to terminate the charging service.
- Charging information record generation

5.2.2 Service operations

5.2.2.1 Introduction

The service operations defined for Nchf_ ConvergedCharging are shown in table 5.2.2.1-1.

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Table 5.2.2.1-1: Nchf_ ConvergedCharging Operations

Service Operation Name	Description	Initiated by	Corresponding Converged charging messages in 3GPP TS 32.290[58]
Nchf_ ConvergedCharging_Create	First Interrogation of unit reservation; And/or initial report of service usage.	NF consumer	Charging Data Request/Response [Initial]
	One Time request for the service.		Charging Data Request/Response [Event]
Nchf_ ConvergedCharging_Update	Intermediate Interrogation for subsequent units reservation when: - the granted service unitfor one rating group are spent - expiry of granted service units validity time - service events occur, which might affect the rating of the current service And/or Intermediate report of service usage.	NF consumer	Charging Data Request/Response [Update]
Nchf_ ConvergedCharging_Release	Final Interrogation without any unit reservation. And/or last report of service usage.	NF consumer	Charging Data Request/Response [Termination]
Nchf_ ConvergedCharging_Notify	Request that the user be re-authorized or the charging session context be terminated.	CHF	Charging Notify Request/Response

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5.2.2.2 Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Create Operation

The Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Create service operation provides means for NF (CTF) to request quotas for service delivery or initial report of service usage.

The following procedures using the Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Create service operation are supported:

- No existing charging data resource.

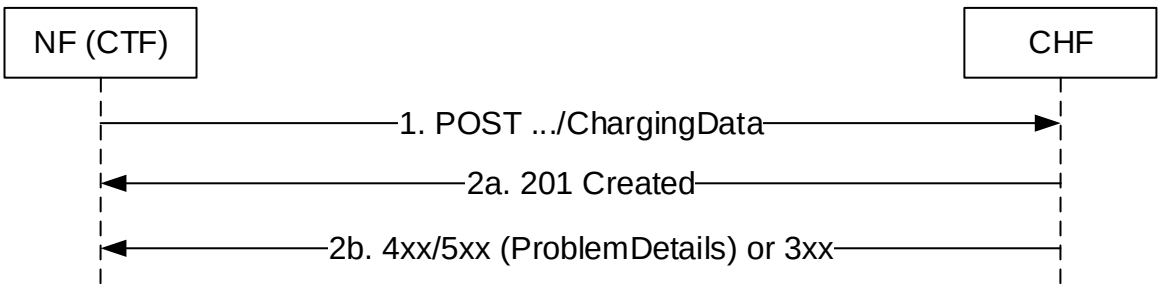

Figure 5.2.2.2-1: Nchf_ ConvergedCharging_Create Service Operation

1. NF (CTF) sends a Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Create request to the CHF to create resource for charging. Requested quota and notification URI for Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Notify service operation are included in the request body.

2a. At successful operation, "201 Created" response is returned. In the "201 Created" response, the CHF includes a Location header field and the allocated quota in the body. The Location header field shall contain the URI of the created resource. The NF (CTF) shall use the URI received in the Location header in subsequent requests to the CHF for the same PDU session.

2b. On failure or redirection, one of the HTTP status code listed in Table 6.1.3.2.3.1-3 shall be returned. For a 4xx/5xx response, the message body shall contain a ProblemDetails structure with the "cause" attribute set to one of the application error listed in Table 6.1.7.3-1.

5.2.2.3 Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Update Operation

The Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Update service operation provides means for NF (CTF) to update the charging data.

The following procedures using the Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Update service operation are supported:

- the granted service units for one rating group are spent
- expiry of granted service units' validity time
- charging events occur, which might affect the rating of the current service
- receiving re-authorization notification from CHF

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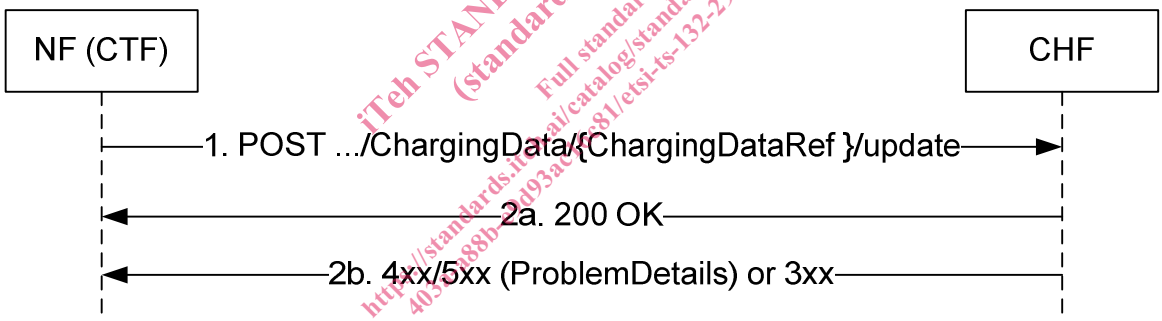

Figure 5.2.2.3-1: Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Update Service Operation

1. NF (CTF) sends a Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Update request to the CHF. The {ChargingDataRef } in the URI identifies the "Charging Data" to be updated. The requested service unit and previous used service unit is included in the request body.

2a. At successful operation, "200 OK" response is returned. The CHF includes the granted service unit in the "200 OK" response.

2b. On failure or redirection, one of the HTTP status code listed in Table 6.1.3.3.4.2.2-2 shall be returned. For a 4xx/5xx response, the message body shall contain a ProblemDetails structure with the "cause" attribute set to one of the application error listed in Table 6.1.7.3-1.

5.2.2.4 Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Release Operation

The Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Release service operation provides means for NF (CTF) to terminate charging Session.

The following procedures using the Nchf_ConvergedCharging_Release service operation are supported:

- Expiry of unit count inactivity timer.in NF Consumer