Policy-Based Resource Management
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Example policy:
1. Select Wi-Fi with SSID=Cafe
2. Select Wi-Fi with SSID=Operator
3. Select Cellular access

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