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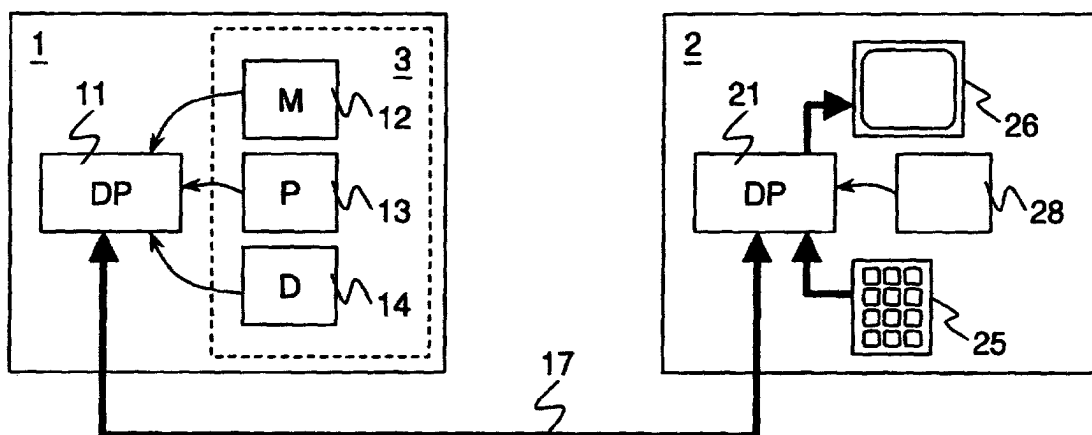
(54) **Method for deploying hearing instrument fitting software, and hearing instrument adapted therefor**

(57) A method for deploying hearing instrument fitting software wherein the fitting software comprises executable fitting program code (13) configured to process fitting program data (12,14) on a programmable data processor (11), comprises the steps of

- reading fitting program definition data (3) from data storage means provided in the hearing instrument

- (1),
- determining, from the fitting program definition data (3), at least part of least one of the fitting program data (12,14) and the fitting program code (13).

The hearing instrument itself comprises the information defining the fitting software - be it the complete fitting software or an update or change to a fitting software residing in an external device.



**Fig. 3**



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