policy effects

Effects

- 1. Append
- 2. Audit
- AuditIfNotExists
- 4. Enforcement effects source
 - 1. Deny
 - 2. modify
 - DeployIfNotExists
- 5. Disabled

Policy vs RBAC

- #policy evaluates state by examining properties on resources that are represented in resource manager and properties of some resource providers.
- Ensures that resource state is compliant to your business rules without concern for who made the change or who has permission to make a change.
- #RBAC managing user actions on diff scopes.
- Even if an individual has access to perform an action, if the result is a non-compliant resource, Azure Policy still blocks the create or update.
- The combination of Azure RBAC and Azure Policy provides full scope control in Azure.

RBAC permissions in azure policy

- #resource_policy_contributor includes most policy operations.
- Both Reader and Contributor have access to all read Azure policy operations.
- Contributor may trigger resource remediation, but can't create or update definitions and assignments.
- All Policy objects, including definitions, initiatives, and assignments, will be readable to all roles over its scope. For example, a Policy assignment scoped to an Azure subscription will be readable by all role holders at the subscription scope and below.

Initiative definitions and assignments

- We recommend creating and assigning initiative definitions even for a single policy definition. For example, you have policy definition policyDefA and create it under initiative definition initiativeDefC. If you create another policy definition later for policyDefB with goals similar to policyDefA, you can add it under initiativeDefC and track them together.
 - Once you've created an initiative assignment, policy definitions added to the initiative also become part of that initiative's assignments.
 - When an initiative assignment is evaluated, all policies within the initiative are also evaluated. If you need to evaluate a policy individually, it's better to not include it in an initiative.

Policy parameters

• #policy_parameters help simplify your policy management by reducing the number of policy
definitions you must create. source