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A data communication method includes receiving a first message. The first message includes an identifier of a second terminal, and the first message requests to perform communication of a first application between a first terminal and the second terminal. The data communication method also includes sending first information to an access network device based on the first message. The first information includes an identifier of a first bearer and an identifier of a second bearer, the first bearer is for transmitting data of the first application for the first terminal, the second bearer is for transmitting the data of the first application for the second terminal, and the first information is used by the access network device to directly forward the data of the first application between the first terminal and the second terminal.

