# Purchase Protection Plan Documents

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# **Purchase Protection Benefit Guide**

This Benefit Guide describes the Purchase Protection benefits that are in effect for eligible purchases made on and after 01/01/2020. Information in this Benefit Guide replaces any Purchase Protection Ó^}^~að4Ô~aå^A&ad^~~~||^£Á

Capitalized and **bold** words that are not section headings have special meanings and are defined throughout this Benefit Guide.

Sometimes your favorite new purchase gets stolen, accidentally damaged, or lost. But when you use your **Eligible Card** for **Covered Purchases**, your Membership can help protect them for up to 90 days from the **Covered Purchase** date, subject to the Coverage Limits.

# **Key Terms**

You or Your means the **Card Member** who carries an **Eligible Card**.

We, Us, or Our means American Express.

American Express means American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc., or its participating subsidiaries, affiliates or licensees.

Card Member means the authorized user of an Eligible Card.

Claim means a request of a Card Member or Eligible Beneficiary that We Pay for a Covered Event.

Covered Event means an unintentional event or occurrence that qualifies for benefit consideration.

Eligible Beneficiary means the Card Member or other intended beneficiary entitled to make a Claim.

**Eligible Card** means those card types designated as eligible for benefits by **American Express**.

Pay means a credit issued to the Eligible Card of the Eligible Beneficiary, or if that is not feasible, a payment by check to the **Eligible Beneficiary**.

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# **How to Activate Benefits**

Coverage is activated each time a Card Member makes an Eligible Payment for a Covered Purchase.

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The amount of the one original worldwide charge to an Eligible Card for the purchase of a tangible item of property for personal or business use or as a gift.

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Yes, purchases on Eligible Cards that are combined with American Express Loyalty **Programs**, such as Membership Rewards® points or Pay with Points, would qualify for benefits.

However, other **Loyalty Programs** (i.e. Non-**American Express**) <u>ÖUADU</u> qualify on purchases redeemed in part or full towards the **Covered Purchase**.

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It is the tangible item of property purchased as a gift or personal or business use and charged to an Eligible Card.

# What is Covered?

Any Covered Purchase which experiences a Purchase Protection Covered Event during the Purchase Protection Coverage Period as described below.

Benefits are provided for Replacement Cost up to the lesser of the Eligible Payment or the per item and calendar year maximums as described below.

Benefits also includes a per occurrence maximum for any one Purchase Protection Covered **Event** related to a **Natural Disaster** as described below.

Purchase Protection	Per Item	Calendar Year	Natural Disaster
Covered Period			
Up to 90 days from the	Up to \$10,000 per	Up to \$50,000 per	Up to \$500 per
date of the Covered	Covered Purchase	Eligible Card	Purchase Protection
Purchase			Covered Event

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A Covered Event which results in damage to, losing or theft of a Covered Purchase.

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Only the Covered Purchase amount which was charged to the Eligible Card qualifies for benefits under Purchase Protection and is subject to the maximums described above.

# What is Not Covered?

### ANY COVERED EVENT BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF:

- A. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;
- B. confiscation by any government authority, public authority or customs authority of a **Covered Purchase:**
- C. the Eligible Beneficiary's participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections;
- D. damage to, losing or theft while property is under the temporary care and control of a third party other than the Eligible Beneficiary, including a common carrier;
- E. an item not being reasonably safeguarded, for example, leaving it in an unlocked vehicle or at an unoccupied site;
- F. theft of, or from, baggage not carried by an Eligible Beneficiary or under the control of an Eligible Beneficiary or a traveling companion known by the Eligible Beneficiary;
- G. normal wear and tear, or a defect in the product;
- H. damage to an item purchased for play (i.e. sports and recreational equipment, remote control items other than drones); or
- I. fraud, dishonesty, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by the Eligible Beneficiary's partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives.

#### NO COVERAGE IS PROVIDED FOR:

### A. A Covered Purchase which is/are:

- 1. covered by an unconditional satisfaction guarantee;
- 2. damaged through alteration or modification of any kind;
- 3. animals or living plants;
- 4. one-of-a-kind items including antique, artwork, furs, or previously owned and used items (except when refurbished by the original manufacturer);
- 5. purchases that have a limited life span like food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries, etc.;
- 6. credit cards, securities, documents and tickets, travelers checks and other negotiable instruments including gift certificates, gift cards, gift checks, food stamps, cash or its equivalent, notes, accounts, bills, currency, deeds, evidences of debt or intangible property, rare stamps or coins;
- 7. items that are rented, leased or borrowed;
- 8. Motorized Devices or Motorized Device Parts, except for Motorized Devices and Motorized Device Parts that are permanent residential or business fixtures that can be removed without damaging the structure;
- 9. permanent residential or business fixtures, additions or built-ins that can't be removed without damaging the structure;

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# NO COVERAGE IS PROVIDED FOR: (CONTINUED)

- 10. land or buildings;
- 11. more than one article in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection:
- 12. downloadable services, application programs, computer programs, operating software, firmware and other software of any kind;
- 13. items voluntarily or involuntarily discarded;
- 14. indirect or direct damages to any other item or property resulting from a Covered Event: or
- 15. items purchased for use as resale (i.e., goods purchased as inventory for sale).
- B. A **Covered Purchase** that also includes:
  - 1. charges for shipping, handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service fees, warranties or memberships including costs or fees in addition to the **Replacement Cost**:
  - 2. rebates, discounts or money from lowest price programs; and
  - 3. any legal defense costs or expenses.

If You have any questions about a specific item, please call Us at 1-800-322-1277, if international, collect at 1-303-273-6498.

# How to File a Claim

- A. To file a Claim for a Covered Event please call us at 1-800-322-1277, if international, collect at 1-303-273-6498.
- B. Notice of Claim should be provided within thirty (30) days of the loss or as soon as reasonably possible.
- C. If required, claim forms will be sent to the Eligible Beneficiary once proper Notice of Claim is received. If it is not received within fifteen (15) days from **Notice of Claim** then the Eligible Beneficiary can submit written communication that describes the circumstances and extent of the Covered Event for which the Claim is made.

Proper Notice of Claim conditions are met by answering all relevant claim intake questions.

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- D. **Proof of Loss** must be submitted to Us within sixty (60) days; however, failure to do so will not invalidate a Claim or reduce any available benefit if it can be shown that it was provided as soon as reasonably possible. Examples of **Proof of Loss** We may require:
  - 1. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
  - 2. a copy of any insurance declaration pages or agreement (e.g. homeowner's or renter's insurance policies, purchase service contracts);
  - 3. a photograph of and/or completed repair estimate form; and
  - 4. for theft and vandalism claims
    - a. written report of the theft filed with the appropriate authority; and
    - b. such report should be filed prior to providing **Notice of Claim**.
- E. A **Claim** for benefits will be paid within thirty (30) days (or in accordance with applicable State law) after receipt of satisfactory **Proof of Loss** and Our determination that such Claim is payable. Any payment made by Us in good faith will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

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A Claim for benefits related to Covered Purchases under an installment plan will be paid up to the lesser of the Eligible Payment or per item maximum as described in the "What is Covered?" section for

- the total installment plan Eligible Payment as of the date of the Covered Event; or
- the last remaining installment plan balance if it has been fully paid with an Eligible

Billing installments for the same Covered Purchase do not restart the Coverage Period for that Covered Purchase.

The Eligible Beneficiary must Cooperate with Us in adjusting the Claim.

# **Additional Terms & Definitions**

### **Additional Terms**

# A. **Assignment**

The Purchase Protection benefits may not be assigned and any implied assignment is void.

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# **Additional Terms** (Continued)

### B. Benefit Guide

This Benefit Guide is not, by itself, a policy or contract of insurance or other contract.

The insurance benefits are provided under the Commercial Card Issuer Retail Insurance Policy issued by AMEX Assurance Company to the named Policyholder for which American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. participates. This Benefit Guide is a summary of benefits provided to You. All terms and conditions stated herein are governed by the Insurance Policy.

In case of a conflict between the Benefit Guide and Insurance Policy, the Insurance Policy shall control.

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It is a wholly owned subsidiary of **American Express** who is responsible for offering Purchase Protection benefits to eligible **Card Members**.

## C. Cancellation/Benefit End Date

- 1. We may cancel these benefits at any time by providing notice to You; or
- 2. Benefits will end automatically on the earliest of the following:
  - a. the date when the Eligible Card is cancelled or terminated; and/or
  - b. the date when You are no longer a Card Member.

# D. Criminal Activity/Fraud

An **Eligible Beneficiary's** right to seek or obtain Purchase Protection benefits may be cancelled due to alleged criminal activity, deceit, fraud, material misrepresentation, excessive or abusive **Claims**.

# E. Effective Date

Effective January 1, 2020, this Benefit Guide replaces any Purchase Protection benefit document You may have received previously for Your Additional Card Benefits. We reserve the right to change the benefits and terms of these benefits at any time.

# F. Other Insurance or Agreement

Purchase Protection is intended to **Pay** only for amounts not covered by any other insurance or agreement including reimbursement by a retailer, wholesaler or manufacturer. We will, however, **Pay** applicable deductible(s) of other available coverage where doing so does not result in an over-payment of the overall **Claim**.

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# **Additional Terms** (Continued)

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Yes, it is secondary to any other coverage which may be available to You. Examples of coverage to which We are secondary would be any homeowner's or renter's insurance and/or retailer's or wholesaler's or manufacturer's purchase service contracts generally offered at the point of sale.

# G. Trade and Economic Sanctions

No insurance benefits if providing apply insurance. including **Payment** of **Claims**, violates law or regulation, including trade or economic sanctions.

### **Additional Definitions**

Cooperate means the Card Member and the Eligible Beneficiary (or someone acting on the behalf of the Card Member or Eligible Beneficiary) helping Us determine whether the Card Member has a Covered Event, and how much We Pay. This includes things like the Card Member submitting a Claim to Us on time, giving Us the details of what happened, providing **Proof of Loss**, recorded statement, or permission to obtain documents from third parties, reporting to an appropriate law enforcement agency as soon as reasonably possible. and generally doing whatever is reasonably necessary for Us to honor Our commitment to an Eligible Beneficiary, including recoveries from third parties.

Loyalty Program means the award of points or other measures redeemable for benefits offered by the Loyalty Program, such as reward points earned for using a product or service.

**Motorized Devices** means machines with a motor or engine or other power source used for agriculture, construction, demolition, landscaping, recreational or transportation purposes. This includes such machines as aircraft, chain saws, generators, golf carts, heaters, motor boats, motor vehicles, motorcycles, refrigerators, scooters and snowmobiles or other items that can be towed by or attached to any Motorized Device, including trailers.

Motorized Device Parts means items subject to combustion, severe wear and tear or mileage stipulations, including components, equipment or parts.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a **Natural Disaster** by local authorities or governments.

Replacement Cost means the lesser of the cost (including applicable sales tax) to repair with new material or replace with property of like kind and quality or reimbursement of the Eligible Payment.

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#### **New York Residents**

# PURCHASE PROTECTION DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE

Underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, 18850 N 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Mail Code AZ08-02-02, Phoenix AZ 85054

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for ninety (90) days from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the cost of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. The coverage provided under this Plan is secondary coverage to any other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity.

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#### I. DEFINITIONS

Certain words used in this Description of Coverage are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express® Card Account on which the record of the charge for the item purchased is made.

**Card Member** means a person who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card and who has a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or theft of, or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

**Company** means AMEX Assurance Company.

Master Policyholder means American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

**Membership Rewards® Points** means credits obtained through the Membership Rewards program available with most American Express Cards, which are earned when making certain purchases with such cards. In some cases, participating Card Members receive a redemption certificate in order to use their Membership Rewards points.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a natural disaster by local authorities or governments.

**Pay with Points** is a process that may be available to an individual who accrues American Express Membership Rewards Points and then uses the Membership Rewards Points to pay for an item by converting them to statement credits to off-set some or all of the expense of that item reflected on the individual's Account statement.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Card Member resides and to which he/she intend to return and, if necessary, can be evidenced by a current and active official form of Identification, examples include, but are not limited to: State issued Identification Card, Driver License, and Voter Identification Card.

Plan means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy (AX0951) issued by the Company to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

We, Us, and Our means the Company.

You and Your means the Card Member.

#### II. DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS

#### What is Covered

The Plan will pay a benefit for an item up to \$10,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents per Card Member Account during a calendar year for:

- 1. The lesser of:
  - a. the cost to repair the item;
  - b. the cost to replace the item; or
  - c. reimbursement for the item.
- 2. A Covered Incident related to Natural Disaster will have a maximum per occurrence limit of \$500 for any one Covered Incident.

For Accounts eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points program(s), an item is eligible for coverage under this Plan if it was purchased through the redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount of the Membership Reward Points and/or Pay with Points You redeemed to purchase the item. Benefits will not be paid when redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points have been transferred to a non-eligible card account or non-Card Members.

Our benefit payment will not include payment of expenses or fees related to shipping and handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the item. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount charged to Your Account (including applicable sales tax). Repair must be performed by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility, as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty.

### Length of Coverage

Purchase Protection provides benefits, for ninety (90) days from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to the item You purchased and charged to Your Account.

Only a Card Member has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

#### III. <u>EXCLUSIONS</u>

#### General Exclusions

Benefits are not payable if the Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by:

1. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections, service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;

- 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations:
- 3. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 4. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Card Member;
- 5. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 6. damage or theft while under the care and control of any third party in whose possession the item purchased by a Card Member has been temporarily placed;
- 7. item not being reasonably safeguarded;
- 8. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 9. damage through alteration (including but not limited to cutting, sawing and shaping);
- 10. normal wear and tear of any kind, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or damage to an item purchased for play and while the item was being used for its intended purposes (including but not limited to sports equipment, items used for or during recreation, and motorized remote control items):
- 11. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier (including but not limited to transportation services, postal services, delivery services for hire);
- 12. leaving the purchased item at an unoccupied (i.e., absence of people from premises that is not a liveable or useable space) construction site; or
- 13. fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by your partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives.

#### **Purchases Not Covered**

The following purchases are not covered:

- 1. consumable or perishable items with extended or limited life spans (including, but not limited to: food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- 2. lost, stolen or damaged items consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 3. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including but not limited to gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent, rare stamps or coins;
- 4. animals or living plants;
- 5. one-of-a-kind, antique or previously owned and used items. Items refurbished by the manufacturer are not considered previously owned or used;
- 6. motorized vehicles, scooters, golf carts, watercraft, aircraft, motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories, or trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle:
- 7. items rented, leased or borrowed for which You will be held responsible;
- permanent household fixtures unless they can be removed without causing damage to the structure;
- 9. items purchased for use as inventory.

#### IV. CLAIMS PROCESS

If You experience a Covered Incident for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any loss, theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased on Your Account. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged item (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

We will decide whether to do one of the following: 1) have the product repaired; 2) have the product replaced; or 3) reimburse You up to the amount of the item purchased on Your Account.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

#### **Proof of Loss**

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within sixty (60) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection claim form;
- 2. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of primary insurance policies or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance policies):
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged item by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized item that has been filed with the appropriate authority. You must file such report before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

You may be required to send in the damaged item to Us at Our expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged item within sixty (60) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

#### V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### **Change of Permanent Residence**

You must notify Us as soon as reasonably possible if You change Your Permanent Address. If the change is to a different state, Your Plan provisions may be adjusted to conform to the requirements of that state. We will send any and all notices or Plan related materials to Your last known address on file. If You fail to notify Us of a change in Your Permanent Residence, You may not receive all notices and Plan related materials.

#### Clerical Error

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

#### Conformity with State and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of State or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

#### **Entire Contract; Representation; Change**

This Description of Coverage, the Policy, the declarations page, and any applications, endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You make is a representation and not a warranty. This Description of Coverage may be changed at any time by written agreement between the Master Policyholder and the Company. Changes shall take effect as of the date a replacement Description of Coverage, if any, is issued or the date otherwise agreed upon by the Master Policyholder and the Company. A copy of the Policy will be maintained and kept by the Master Policyholder and may be examined at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice.

#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Covered Incident, have:

- concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or
- 2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

### **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

### **Right of Recovery**

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable.

#### **Secondary Coverage**

This Plan is secondary to all other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity and shall apply only when such other benefits are exhausted. We will pay only that portion of Covered Incident benefit

which is not reimbursed by other collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity, up to Our limits, as provided under the Description of Benefits section.

# When a Card Member has Coverage under similar products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company

A Card Member may be covered for similar benefits under different products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company. If the products state that the similar benefits are either primary or that the benefits are excess, the product with the lower level of benefits will pay first and the other product(s) will provide excess coverage.

### Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

#### VI. TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

#### VII. <u>IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU</u>

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Policy. This Description of Coverage replaces any prior Description of Coverage which may have been furnished in connection with the Policy. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Description of Coverage, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

This Description of Coverage is an important document. Please read it and keep it in a safe place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have caused this Description of Coverage to be signed by Our officers:

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEX Assurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

AMEX Assurance Company

# PURCHASE PROTECTION DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE

Underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, 20022 N. 31st Ave. MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix AZ 85027

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the cost of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. The coverage provided under this Plan is secondary coverage to any other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity.

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#### I. DEFINITIONS

Certain words used in this Description of Coverage are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express® Card Account on which the record of the charge for the item purchased is made.

**Card Member** means a person who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card and who has a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or theft of, or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

**Company** means AMEX Assurance Company.

Master Policyholder means American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

**Membership Rewards**® **Points** means credits obtained through the Membership Rewards program available with most American Express Cards, which are earned when making certain purchases with such cards. In some cases, participating Card Members receive a redemption certificate in order to use their Membership Rewards points.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a natural disaster by local authorities or governments.

**Pay with Points** is a process that may be available to an individual who accrues American Express Membership Rewards Points and then uses the Membership Rewards Points to pay for an item by converting them to statement credits to off-set some or all of the expense of that item reflected on the individual's Account statement.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Card Member resides and to which he/she intend to return and, if necessary, can be evidenced by a current and active official form of Identification, examples include, but are not limited to: State issued Identification Card, Driver License, and Voter Identification Card.

Plan means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy (AX0951) issued by the Company to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

We, Us, and Our means the Company.

You and Your means the Card Member.

#### II. <u>DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS</u>

#### What is Covered

The Plan will pay a benefit for an item up to \$10,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents per Card Member Account during a calendar year for:

- 1. The lesser of:
  - a. the cost to repair the item;
  - b. the cost to replace the item; or
  - c. reimbursement for the item.
- 2. A Covered Incident related to Natural Disaster will have a maximum per occurrence limit of \$500 for any one Covered Incident.

For Accounts eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points program(s), an item is eligible for coverage under this Plan if it was purchased through the redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount of the Membership Reward Points and/or Pay with Points You redeemed to purchase the item. Benefits will not be paid when redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points have been transferred to a non-eligible card account or non-Card Members.

Our benefit payment will not include payment of expenses or fees related to shipping and handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the item. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount charged to Your Account (including applicable sales tax). Repair must be performed by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility, as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty.

### **Length of Coverage**

Purchase Protection provides benefits, for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to the item You purchased and charged to Your Account.

Only a Card Member has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

#### III. EXCLUSIONS

#### **General Exclusions**

Benefits are not payable if the Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by:

- 1. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections, service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;
- 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations;
- 3. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 4. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Card Member;
- 5. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 6. damage or theft while under the care and control of any third party in whose possession the item purchased by a Card Member has been temporarily placed;
- 7. item not being reasonably safeguarded;
- 8. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 9. damage through alteration (including but not limited to cutting, sawing and shaping);
- 10. normal wear and tear of any kind, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or damage to an item purchased for play and while the item was being used for its intended purposes (including but not limited to sports equipment, items used for or during recreation, and motorized remote control items);
- 11. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier (including but not limited to transportation services, postal services, delivery services for hire);
- 12. leaving the purchased item at an unoccupied (i.e., absence of people from premises that is not a liveable or useable space) construction site; or
- 13. fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by your partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives.

#### **Purchases Not Covered**

The following purchases are not covered:

- 1. consumable or perishable items with extended or limited life spans (including, but not limited to: food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- lost, stolen or damaged items consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more
  than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be
  replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 3. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including but not limited to gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent, rare stamps or coins;
- 4. animals or living plants;
- 5. one-of-a-kind, antique or previously owned and used items. Items refurbished by the manufacturer are not considered previously owned or used:
- 6. motorized vehicles, scooters, golf carts, watercraft, aircraft, motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories, or trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle:
- 7. items rented, leased or borrowed for which You will be held responsible;
- 8. permanent household fixtures unless they can be removed without causing damage to the structure;
- 9. items purchased for use as inventory.

#### IV. CLAIMS PROCESS

If You experience a Covered Incident for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any loss, theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased on Your Account. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged item (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

We will decide whether to do one of the following: 1) have the product repaired; 2) have the product replaced; or 3) reimburse You up to the amount of the item purchased on Your Account.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

#### **Proof of Loss**

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within sixty (60) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection claim form:
- 2. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of primary insurance policies or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance policies);
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged item by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized item that has been filed with the appropriate authority. You must file such report before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

You may be required to send in the damaged item to Us at Our expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged item within sixty (60) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

#### V. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Change of Permanent Residence**

You must notify Us as soon as reasonably possible if You change Your Permanent Address. If the change is to a different state, Your Plan provisions may be adjusted to conform to the requirements of that state. We will send any and all notices or Plan related materials to Your last known address on file. If You fail to notify Us of a change in Your Permanent Residence, You may not receive all notices and Plan related materials.

#### **Clerical Error**

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

#### Conformity with State and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of State or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

#### **Entire Contract; Representation; Change**

This Description of Coverage, the Policy, the declarations page, and any applications, endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You make is a representation and not a warranty. This Description of Coverage may be changed at any time by written agreement between the Master Policyholder and the Company. Changes shall take effect as of the date a replacement Description of Coverage, if any, is issued or the date otherwise agreed upon by the Master Policyholder and the Company. A copy of the Policy will be maintained and kept by the Master Policyholder and may be examined at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice.

#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Covered Incident, have:

- 1. concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive: or
- 2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

#### **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

### **Right of Recovery**

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable.

### **Secondary Coverage**

This Plan is secondary to all other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity and shall apply only when such other benefits are exhausted. We will pay only that portion of Covered Incident benefit

which is not reimbursed by other collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity, up to Our limits, as provided under the Description of Benefits section.

# When a Card Member has Coverage under similar products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company

A Card Member may be covered for similar benefits under different products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company. If the products state that the similar benefits are either primary or that the benefits are excess, the product with the lower level of benefits will pay first and the other product(s) will provide excess coverage.

### Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

### VI. TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

#### VII. <u>IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU</u>

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Policy. This Description of Coverage replaces any prior Description of Coverage which may have been furnished in connection with the Policy. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Description of Coverage, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

This Description of Coverage is an important document. Please read it and keep it in a safe place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have caused this Description of Coverage to be signed by Our officers:

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEXAssurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

AMEXAssurance Company

#### **AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENTS**

To be attached to and made a part of the Description of Coverage/Policy.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES YOUR DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE/POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

#### Applicable to Residents of Alabama

1. The **Legal Actions** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after six (6) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

**EWPP-END1-AL 09/17** 

#### Applicable to Residents of Alaska

1. The opening paragraph to the **General Exclusions** section is replaced by the following:

Benefits are not payable if the Loss\Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or wholly caused by:

2. The **Legal Actions** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time a claim has been denied.

**EWPP-END1-AK 09/17** 

#### Applicable to Residents of Arkansas

1. The **Legal Actions** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after five (5) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

2. The **Right of Recovery** provision is replaced by the following:

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us any proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable, only after You have been fully compensated for the loss sustained.

**EWPP-END1-AR 09/17** 

#### **Applicable to Residents of Connecticut**

1. The **Subrogation** provision is replaced by the following:

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all

Your right of recovery. As permitted by law, You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

#### **EWPP-END1-CT 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of Kansas

1. Index Section VI is replaced by the following:

Cancellation Section VI

2. The following is added to the end of **Description of Benefits** section:

#### When Coverage is No Longer Activated

Coverage will become inactive:

- 1. The date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. The date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. The date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. The date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. The date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.
- 3. The **Payment of Claims** section is replaced by the following:

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and Our determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Loss/Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

4. The **Fraud** section is replaced by the following:

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

A "fraudulent insurance act" is an act committed by any person who, knowingly and with intent to defraud, presents, causes to be presented or prepares with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to or by an insurer, purported insurer, broker or any agent thereof, any written, electronic, electronic impulse, facsimile, magnetic, oral, or telephonic communication or statement as part of, or in support of, a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy for commercial or personal insurance which such person knows to contain materially false information concerning any fact material thereto; or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Loss/Covered Incident, have:

1. concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or

2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Loss/Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

5. The **Legal Actions** section is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after five (5) years from the time written Proof of Loss documentation is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

6. The **Cancellation** section is replaced by the following:

Coverage may be canceled upon sixty (60) days' written notice to You at Your last known address for one of the following reasons:

- 1. nonpayment of premium;
- 2. the policy was issued because of a material misrepresentation;
- 3. any insured violated any of the material terms and conditions of the policy;
- 4. unfavorable underwriting factors, specific to the insured, exist that were not present at the inception of the policy;
- 5. a determination by the commissioner that continuation of coverage could place the insurer in a hazardous financial condition or in violation of the laws of this state; or
- 6. a determination by the commissioner that the insurer no longer has adequate reinsurance to meet the insurer's needs.

You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Description of Coverage prior to the effective date of cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Description of Coverage prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to cancellation subject to all other terms of the Policy.

#### **EWPP-END1-KS 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of Kentucky

1. The **Termination or Cancellation** provision is replaced by the following:

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending a written notice at least seventy-five (75) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

#### **EWPP-END1-KY 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of Louisiana

1. The **Right to Recovery** provision is replaced by the following:

If the Company makes any payment under this Policy and the Card Member has the right to recover damages from another, the Company shall be subrogated to that right. However, the Company's right to recover is subordinate to the Card Member's right to be fully compensated.

2. The **Subrogation** provision is replaced by the following:

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

**EWPP-END1-LA 09/17** 

#### Applicable to Residents of Maryland

1. The **Legal Action** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the date that the action accrues. If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

2. The second paragraph of the **Termination or Cancellation** provision is replaced by the following:

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address, by using first class mail tracking method. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

**EWPP-END1-MD 09/17** 

### Applicable to Residents of Minnesota

1. The following is hereby added to the **Notice of Claim** provision:

Providing notice to an agent appointed by Us amounts to notice to Us.

2. The **Payment of Claims** provision is replaced by the following:

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within five (5) business days after Our receipt of satisfactory Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan. Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will

fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

3. The following is hereby added to the **Fraud** provision:

No oral or written misrepresentation made by You, or on Your behalf, in the negotiation of insurance, shall be deemed material, or defeat or avoid the policy, or prevent its attaching, unless made with intent to deceive and defraud, or unless the matter misrepresented increases the risk of loss.

4. The following is hereby added to the **Subrogation** provision:

We shall not subrogate against any persons or organizations also insured under Our Plan or under any other Policy issued by Us, with respect to the same loss.

#### **EWPP-END1-MN 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of Missouri

1. The **Notice of Claims** section is replaced by the following:

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. No claim will be denied based upon the insured's failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice the rights of the insurer, as per Missouri regulation 20CSR100-1.020. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

2. The first paragraph of the **Proof of Loss** section is replaced by the following:

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

3. The **Legal Action** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after ten (10) years from the time written Proof of Loss documentation is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

PP-END1-MO 09/17

### Applicable to Residents of Montana

1. The following statement is added to the face page of the Description of Coverage:

If there is a discrepancy between Policy and the Description of Coverage, the Description of Coverage governs.

2. The Conformity with State and Federal Law section is replaced by the following:

### **Conformity with Montana Statutes**

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of Montana statutes, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such statutes.

3. The **Termination or Cancellation** section is replaced by the following:

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. Coverage may be cancelled for one of the following reasons:

- 1. nonpayment of premium;
- 2. material misrepresentation;
- 3. substantial change in the risk assumed, except to the extent that the insurer should reasonably have foreseen the change or contemplated the risk when the contract was written;
- 4. substantial breaches of contractual duties, conditions, or warranties;
- 5. determination by the commissioner that continuation of the policy would place the insurer in violation of this code:
- 6. financial impairment of the insurer; or
- 7. any other reason approved by the commissioner.

You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

**EWPP-END1-MT 09/17** 

#### Applicable to Residents of Nevada

Index Section VI is replaced by the following:

Cancellation Section VI

2. The following is added to the end of **Description of Benefits** section:

When Coverage is No Longer Activated

Coverage will become inactive:

- 1. The date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. The date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 3. The date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 4. The date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

Termination of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

3. The **Cancellation** section is replaced by the following:

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address for one of the following reasons:

- 1. Conviction of the insured of a crime arising out of acts increasing the hazard insured against;
- 2. Discovery of fraud or material misrepresentation in the obtaining of the policy or in the presentation of a claim thereunder:
- 3. Discovery of an act or omission; or a violation of any condition of the policy, which occurred after the first effective date of the current policy and substantially and materially increases the hazard insured against;
- 4. A material change in the nature or extent of the risk, occurring after the first effective date of the current policy, which causes the risk of loss to be substantially and materially increased beyond that contemplated at the time the policy was issued or last renewed;
- 5. A determination by the Commissioner that continuation of the insurer's present volume of premiums would jeopardize the insurer's solvency or be hazardous to the interests of policyholders of the insurer, its creditors or the public;
- 6. A determination by the Commissioner that the continuation of the policy would violate, or place the insurer in violation of, any provision of the Code.

The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account and you have fully activated coverage in accordance with this Description of Coverage prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

**EWPP-END1-NV 09/17** 

#### Applicable to Residents of Oklahoma

1. The following is added to the first page:

Fraud: WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

2. The opening paragraph to Important Additional Information For You section is replaced by the following:

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Description of Coverage issued to Card Members whose Permanent Residence is Oklahoma. This Description of Coverage replaces any prior Description of Coverage which may have been furnished in connection with the Policy. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Description of Coverage, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

#### **EWPP-END1-OK 09/17**

### Applicable to Residents of South Dakota

1. The **Legal Actions** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after six (6) years from the time written Proof of Loss documentation is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

#### EW/PP-END1-SD 09/17

#### Applicable to Residents of United States Virgin Islands

1. The **Policy** definition is replaced by the following:

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy (AX0951-VI or AX0953-VI) issued by the Company to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

2. The **Payment of Claims** section is replaced by the following:

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and Our determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Loss/Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

3. The paragraph on **Company Cancellation** is hereby replaced by the following:

The Company can cancel this Description of Coverage or any endorsement or rider at any time for any reason including but not necessarily limited to:

- a. non-Payment of premium by the Master Policyholder;
- b. high loss experience; or
- c. a Company decision to stop underwriting this kind of insurance.

The Card Member has the right to know and/or request the grounds on which this Description of Coverage is cancelled. To that effect, the Company must provide thirty (30) days written notice, actually delivered or mailed by certified mail, prior to the date cancellation is effective, indicating in such notice the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Description of Coverage prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation. If the Company cancels, the Master Policyholder must assist the Company in notifying Card Members of the date their insurance is cancelled.

#### EWPP-END1-VI 09/17

#### Applicable to Residents of Utah

1. The opening paragraph to the **General Exclusions** section is replaced by the following:

Benefits are not payable if the Loss for which coverage is sought was directly or wholly caused by:

2. The following is hereby added to the **Proof of Loss** provision:

Failure to provide Proof of Loss within sixty (60) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that proof of loss was provided as soon as reasonably possible. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide proof of loss within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

#### **EWPP-END1-UT 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of Vermont

1. The first paragraph of the **Notice of Claim** provision is replaced by the following:

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Loss/ Covered Incident or as soon as practicable. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920.

2. The **Payment of Claim** section is replaced by the following:

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within ten (10) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and Our determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Loss /Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

#### **EWPP-END1-VT 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of West Virginia

1. The first paragraph of **Payment of Claims** has been replaced with:

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within fifteen (15) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and Our determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

#### **EWPP-END1-WV 09/17**

#### Applicable to Residents of Wyoming

1. The **Payment of Claims** section is replaced by the following:

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within forty-five (45) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and Our determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Loss\Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

#### 2. The **Legal Actions** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after four (4) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

#### **EWPP-END1-WY 09/17**

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE/POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEXAssurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

AMEXAssurance Company

### **Other State Notices**

### Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

AMEXAssurance Company Complaints Department PO Box 53701 MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix, AZ 85072-9872

You may call the toll-free number at (800) 322-1277.

# If you have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance:

#### FOR ARKANSAS RESIDENTS

Arkansas Insurance Department Consumer Services Division 1200 West Third Street Little Rock, AR 72201-1904 (501) 371-2640 or (800) 852-5494

#### FOR IDAHO RESIDENTS

Idaho Department of Insurance Consumer Affairs 700 W State Street, 3rd Floor PO Box 83720 Boise ID 83720-0043 1-800-721-3272 or 208-334-4250 or www.DOI.ldaho.gov

#### FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

California Department of Insurance Consumer Services Division 300 South Spring Street, South Tower Los Angeles, CA 90013 <a href="https://www.insurance.ca.gov">www.insurance.ca.gov</a> Consumer Hotline: (800) 927-4357

#### FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS

Illinois Department of Insurance 320 West Washington Street Springfield, IL 62767-0001

#### **FOR VIRGINIA RESIDENTS**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason, please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if you have additional questions, you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number:

AMEXAssurance Company Complaints Department PO Box 53701 MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix, AZ 85072-9872

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You may call the toll-free number at (800) 322-1277.

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at:

State Corporation Commission Bureau of Insurance

PO Box 1157 Richmond, VA 23218 (877) 310-6560 or TDD (804) 371-9206

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.

#### FOR WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

#### KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

PROBLEMS WITH YOUR INSURANCE? – If you are having problems with your insurance company or agent, do not hesitate to contact the insurance company or agent to resolve your problem.

AMEX Assurance Company Complaints Department PO Box 53701 MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix, AZ 85072-9872

You may call the toll-free number at (800) 322-1277.

You can also contact the OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can contact the OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE by contacting:

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Complaints Department PO Box 7873 Madison, WI 53707-7873 (800) 236-8517 (608) 266-0103

# PURCHASE PROTECTION INSURANCE POLICY

Underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, 20022 N. 31st Ave. MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix AZ 85027

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the cost of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. The coverage provided under this Plan is secondary coverage to any other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity.

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#### I. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Certain words used in this Insurance Policy are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express® Card Account on which the record of the charge for the item purchased is made.

American Express Card means any card bearing an American Express trademark or logo authorized by American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc., or its subsidiaries or affiliates, which can be used to purchase goods or services at merchants on the American Express Network and which American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. designates as eligible for coverage under the Policy.

**Card Member** means a person who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card and who has a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or theft of or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

**Company** means AMEX Assurance Company.

**Insurance Policy or Policy** means the contract issued to the Policyholder provided the benefits described herein.

**Membership Rewards® Points** means credits obtained through the Membership Rewards program available with most American Express Cards, which are earned when making certain purchases with such cards. In some cases, participating Card Members receive a redemption certificate in order to use their Membership Rewards points.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a natural disaster by local authorities or governments.

**Pay with Points** is a process that may be available to an individual who accrues American Express Membership Rewards Points and then uses the Membership Rewards Points to pay for an item by converting them to statement credits to off-set some or all of the expense of that item reflected on the individual's Account statement.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Card Member resides and to which he/she intend to return and, if necessary, can be evidenced by a current and active official form of Identification, examples include, but are not limited to: State issued Identification Card, Driver License, and Voter Identification Card.

Plan means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

Policyholder means Card Member.

We, Us, and Our means the Company.

You and Your means the Card Member.

#### II. DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS

#### What is Covered

The Plan will pay a benefit for an item up to \$10,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents per Card Member Account during a calendar year for:

- 1. The lesser of:
  - a. the cost to repair the item;
  - b. the cost to replace the item; or
  - c. reimbursement for the item.
- A Covered Incident related to Natural Disaster will have a maximum per occurrence limit of \$500 for any one Covered Incident.

For Accounts eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points program(s), an item is eligible for coverage under this Plan if it was purchased through the redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount of the Membership Reward Points and/or Pay with Points You redeemed to purchase the item. Benefits will not be paid when redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points have been transferred to a non-eligible card account or non-Card Members.

Our benefit payment will not include payment of expenses or fees related to shipping and handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the item. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount charged to Your Account (including applicable sales tax). Repair must be performed by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility, as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty.

#### **Length of Coverage**

Purchase Protection provides benefits, for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to the item You purchased and charged to Your Account.

Only a Card Member has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

#### III. EXCLUSIONS

#### **General Exclusions**

Benefits are not payable if the Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by:

- 1. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections, service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;
- 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations;
- 3. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 4. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Card Member;
- 5. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 6. damage or theft while under the care and control of any third party in whose possession the item purchased by a Card Member has been temporarily placed;
- 7. item not being reasonably safeguarded;
- 8. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 9. damage through alteration (including but not limited to cutting, sawing and shaping);
- 10. normal wear and tear of any kind, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or damage to an item purchased for play and while the item was being used for its intended purposes (including but not limited to sports equipment, items used for or during recreation, and motorized remote control items);
- 11. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier (including but not limited to transportation services, postal services, delivery services for hire);
- 12. leaving the purchased item at an unoccupied (i.e., absence of people from premises that is not a liveable or useable space) construction site; or
- 13. fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by your partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives.

#### **Purchases Not Covered**

The following purchases are not covered:

- 1. consumable or perishable items with extended or limited life spans (including, but not limited to: food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- 2. lost, stolen or damaged items consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 3. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including but not limited to gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent, rare stamps or coins;
- 4. animals or living plants;
- 5. one-of-a-kind, antique or previously owned and used items. Items refurbished by the manufacturer are not considered previously owned or used;
- 6. motorized vehicles, scooters, golf carts, watercraft, aircraft, motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories, or trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle:
- 7. items rented, leased or borrowed for which You will be held responsible;
- 8. permanent household fixtures unless they can be removed without causing damage to the structure; and
- 9. items purchased for use as inventory.

## IV. CLAIMS PROCESS

If You experience a Covered Incident for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any loss, theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased on Your Account. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged item (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

We will decide whether to do one of the following: 1) have the product repaired; 2) have the product replaced; or 3) reimburse You up to the amount of the item purchased on Your Account.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

## **Proof of Loss**

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within sixty (60) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection claim form;
- 2. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of primary insurance policies or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance policies);
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged item by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized item that has been filed with the appropriate authority. You must file such report before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

You may be required to send in the damaged item to Us at Our expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged item within sixty (60) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

## V. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **Assignment**

This Policy may not be assigned and any purported assignment is void.

## **Change of Permanent Residence**

You must notify Us as soon as reasonably possible if You change Your Permanent Address. If the change is to a different state, Your Plan provisions may be adjusted to conform to the requirements of that state. We will send any and all notices or Plan related materials to Your last known address on file. If You fail to notify Us of a change in Your Permanent Residence, You may not receive all notices and Plan related materials.

#### **Clerical Error**

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

## Conformity with State and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of State or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

## **Entire Contract; Representation; Change**

This Policy and any applications, endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You make is a representation and not a warranty. This Policy may be changed at any time by written agreement by the Company. Changes shall take effect as of the date a replacement Policy is issued or the date otherwise communicated by the Company.

#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Covered Incident, have:

- 1. concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or
- 2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

#### **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

#### Right of Recovery

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable.

## **Secondary Coverage**

This Plan is secondary to all other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity and shall apply only when such other benefits are exhausted. We will pay only that portion of Covered Incident benefit

which is not reimbursed by other collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity, up to Our limits, as provided under the Description of Benefits section.

# When a Card Member has Coverage under similar products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company

A Card Member may be covered for similar benefits under different products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company. If the products state that the similar benefits are either primary or that the benefits are excess, the product with the lower level of benefits will pay first and the other product(s) will provide excess coverage.

## Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

## VI. TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Policy or any endorsement or rider at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Policy prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

#### VII. IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Policy. This Policy replaces any prior Policy which may have been issued to You. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Policy, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

## This Policy is an important document. Please read it and keep it in a safe place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have caused this Insurance Policy to be signed by Our officers:

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEXAssurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

AMEXAssurance Company

## AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT

To be attached to and made a part of the Description of Coverage/Policy.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES YOUR DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE/POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

## Applicable to Residents of Texas

1. The **Proof of Loss** provision is replaced by the following:

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within ninety (90) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: AMEX Assurance Company Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within ninety (90) days of Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

2. The **Payment of Claims** provision is replaced by the following:

Within 15 days after our receipt of proof of loss documentation and all information requested, We will provide You notification in writing as to whether:

- a. the claim or part of the claim will be paid; or
- b. the claim or part of the claim has been denied, and inform You:
  - i. of the reasons for denial;
  - ii. more information is necessary; or
  - iii. We need additional time to reach a decision. If additional time is needed, We will inform You of the reasons for such need.

If We have notified You that additional time is needed to reach a decision, We will either approve or deny the claim within 45 days of such notice. We will pay for a covered loss within 5 days after we have notified you that payment of the claim or part of the claim will be made.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Loss/Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

3. The following is hereby added to the **Fraud** section:

Coverage cannot be forfeited unless the material misrepresentation was shown at trial that the matter misrepresented:

- a. was material to the risk; or
- b. contributed to the contingency or event on which the Policy became due and payable.

The **Legal Actions** provision is replaced by the following:

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time a claim has been denied.

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5. The following is hereby added to the **Termination or Cancellation** section:

We may not cancel or non-renew this Policy based solely on the fact that You are an elected official.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE/POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEXAssurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

AMEXAssurance Company

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may call AMEX Assurance Company's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

#### 1-800-322-1277

You may also write to AMEX Assurance Company at:
P.O. Box 53701
MC: 08-01-20
Phoenix, AZ 85072-9872

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

#### 1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance: P.O. Box 149104

Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax: (512) 490-1007 Web: www.tdi.texas.gov

E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

#### PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

## ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

#### **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de AMEX Assurance Company's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

#### 1-800-322-1277

Usted también puede escribir a AMEX Assurance Company:

P.O. Box 53701 MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix, AZ 85072-9872

Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas al:

#### 1-800-252-3439

Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

Texas a:
P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax: (512) 490-1007
Sitio web: www.tdi.texas.gov

E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

# DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES:

Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con la compañía primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

## ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU PÓLIZA:

Este aviso es solamente para propósitos informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

## **PURCHASE PROTECTION**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE**

Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for ninety (90) days from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the price of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. (See Description of Benefits section.)

## **DEFINITIONS**

Certain words used in this Description of Coverage are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express Card Account.

**Cardmember** means a person or Sponsoring Organization who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card, which is Current and in Good Standing, and who has a Permanent Residence in Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or (loss is only coverable for Platinum and Centurion Cardmembers) theft of, or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

**Company** means Tokio Marine Pacific Limited, and its duly authorized Insurance agents.

**Current and in Good Standing** means a Cardmember Account for which the monthly minimum requirement has been paid prior to the date in which the claim is payable.

**Master Policyholder** means American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Cardmember resides and to which they intend to return.

**Plan** means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

Platinum Cardmember means a Cardmember who has a Platinum Charge Card (required to be paid in full monthly), a Corporate Platinum Card, or a Fidelity American Express Platinum Card. Any other Card

which may reference the Platinum name or has Platinum colored plastic will not receive higher coverage limits or benefits.

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy CRCB000000110.

We, Us, Our means the Company.

You, Your means the Cardmember.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS**

We will pay You the expense charged to Your Account up to \$1,000 for all Cards except Platinum and Centurion and \$10,000 for Platinum and Centurion Cardmembers only for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents during a calendar year. Purchase Protection provides benefits, for ninety days from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to property You purchased and charged to Your Account. Our benefit payment will not include shipping and handling expenses or installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the property.

Our payment of any eligible benefit amount is further contingent upon Your Account being Current and in Good Standing.

Only a Cardmember has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

Benefits are not payable if the loss for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by:

- war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared;
- any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations;
- participation in a riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrection:
- 4. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 5. natural disasters, including, but not limited to, hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature, that occurs at the same time or in separate instances;

- 6. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Cardmember;
- 7. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 8. negligent failure of a duty to care by any third party in whose possession the property purchased by a Cardmember has been temporarily placed;
- 9. not being reasonably safeguarded by You;
- theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 11. damage through alteration (including, but not limited to, cutting, sawing and shaping);
- normal wear and tear, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or normal course of play;
- damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier;
- 14. food spoilage;
- leaving property at an unoccupied construction site:
- 16. items stolen from motor vehicles (this exclusion only applies for Open Cardmembers, this exclusion is removed for Consumer Cardmembers); or
- 17. purchases lost or misplaced (lost is only coverable for Platinum and Centurion Cardmembers, this exclusion is removed for Platinum and Centurion Cardmembers).

## **PURCHASES NOT COVERED**

The following purchases are not covered:

- travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including, but not limited to, gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent;
- 2. animals or living plants;
- 3. rare stamps or coins;
- 4. consumable or perishable items with limited life spans (including, but not limited to, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- 5. antique or previously owned items;
- motorized vehicles and watercraft, aircraft, and motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories;
- 7. lost (lost is only coverable for Platinum and Centurion Cardmembers), stolen or damaged property consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 8. items purchased for resale, professional, or commercial use (this only applies for Consumer Cardmembers, this is removed for OPEN Cardmembers);
- 9. permanent household and/or business fixtures,

- including, but not limited to, carpeting, flooring and/or tile (this only applies for Consumer Cardmembers, this is removed for OPEN Cardmembers);
- business fixtures, including, but not limited to, air conditioners, refrigerators, heaters (this only applies for Consumer Cardmembers, this is removed for OPEN Cardmembers);
- hospital, medical and dental equipment and devices (this only applies for Consumer Cardmembers, this is removed for OPEN Cardmembers).

### **CLAIMS PROVISIONS**

If You experience a loss for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased with the Card. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged property (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the loss. You may contact Us by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that it was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist You with Your Proof of Loss by providing You with instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable.

## **Proof of Loss**

Proof of Loss requires You to send Us all the information We request, at Your expense, in order that Your claim may be evaluated and that We may make a determination as to whether the claim may be paid. You must provide Us with satisfactory Proof of Loss within thirty (30) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim or Your claim may be denied. Your Proof of Loss documentation may be mailed to Us at the same address provided above for mailing

Your Notice of Claim. We reserve the right to request all the information We deem necessary to determine that Your claim is payable, and We will not consider that We have received complete Proof of Loss until the information We have requested is received.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection Claim Form;
- 2. the original itemized store receipt;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of insurance or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance);
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged property; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized property must be filed with the appropriate authority before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

No payment will be made on claims not substantiated in the manner required by Us.

If all required documentation is not received within thirty (30) days of the date of the Covered Incident (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is Your responsibility to provide all required documentation We request.

You may be required to send in the damaged property at Your expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged property within thirty (30) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claim**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and Our determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

If other insurance is available to You which provides the same or similar coverage as that provided by this Plan, this Plan becomes excess and We will pay only that portion of the Covered Incident benefit which is not reimbursed by other insurance up to Our limits, as provided under the Description of Benefits section.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### Change of Permanent Residence

If the change is to a different location, Your Policy provisions may be adjusted to conform to the

requirements of that location.

#### Clerical Error

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

## Conformity with local and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of Local or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

Entire Contract; Representation; Change This Description of Coverage, the Policy and any applications, endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You make is a representation and not awarranty. This Description of Coverage may be changed at any time by written agreement between the Master Policyholder and the Company. Only the President, Vice-President or Secretary of Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited may change or waive the provisions of the Description of Coverage. No agent or other person may change the Description of Coverage or waive any of its terms. This Description of Coverage may be changed at any time by providing notice to You. A copy of the Policy will be maintained and kept by the Master Policyholder and may be examined at any time.

#### **Excess Coverage**

If any loss under this Policy is insured under any other valid and collectible policy, then this Policy shall cover such loss, subject to its exclusions, conditions, provisions and other terms herein, only to the extent that the amount of such loss is in excess of the amount of such other insurance which is payable or paid.

#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or Áby anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

We do not provide coverage to a Cardmember who, whether before or after a loss, has:

- concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or
- 2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the loss.

## **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this

Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) year from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the place where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

## Right of Recovery

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable.

## Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Policy, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

## **Termination or Cancellation**

Coverage will cease on the earliest of the following:

- The date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas;
- the date We determine that You or someone on Your behalf intentionally misrepresented or fraud occurred;

- 3. the date the Policy is cancelled;
- 4. the date You are no longer a Cardmember;
- 5. the date Your Account ceases to remain Current and in Good Standing; or
- 6. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

Termination or Cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any claim originating prior to termination or cancellation subject to all other terms of the Policy.

The Company has the right to cancel the Policy at any time by sending a written notice at least forty five (45) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation.

## IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU

For those eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards® program, benefits are also paid when the purchased property is received through the redemption of a Membership Rewards redemption certificate. Payment or credit will not exceed the original assigned value of the property received through redemption of a Membership Rewards redemption certificate up to the stated limits, excluding shipping and handling expenses. Benefits will not be paid when a Membership Rewards redemption certificate has been transferred to a non-eligible Cardmember or non-Cardmembers.

This Description of Coverage replaces any other Description of Coverage that You may have previously received for Purchase Protection.

This Description of Coverage is an important document. Please read it and keep it in a safe place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have caused this Description of Coverage to be signed by Our officers:

Masaaki Morimoto

Chief Operating Officer

Autorized Representative at Hagatna, Guam

# PURCHASE PROTECTION INSURANCE POLICY

Underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, 20022 N. 31st Ave. MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix AZ 85027

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for ninety (90) days from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the cost of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. The coverage provided under this Plan is secondary coverage to any other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity.

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#### I. DEFINITIONS

Certain words used in this Insurance Policy are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express® Card Account on which the record of the charge for the item purchased is made.

American Express Card means any card bearing an American Express trademark or logo authorized by American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc., or its subsidiaries or affiliates, which can be used to purchase goods or services at merchants on the American Express Network and which American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. designates as eligible for coverage under the Policy.

**Card Member** means a person who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card and who has a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or theft of, or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

Company means AMEX Assurance Company.

Insurance Policy or Policy means the contract issued to the Policyholder provided the benefits described herein.

**Membership Rewards® Points** means credits obtained through the Membership Rewards program available with most American Express Cards, which are earned when making certain purchases with such cards. In some cases, participating Card Members receive a redemption certificate in order to use their Membership Rewards points.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a natural disaster by local authorities or governments.

**Pay with Points** is a process that may be available to an individual who accrues American Express Membership Rewards Points and then uses the Membership Rewards Points to pay for an item by converting them to statement credits to off-set some or all of the expense of that item reflected on the individual's Account statement.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Card Member resides and to which he/she intend to return and, if necessary, can be evidenced by a current and active official form of Identification, examples include, but are not limited to: State issued Identification Card, Driver License, and Voter Identification Card.

**Plan** means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

Policyholder means Card Member.

We, Us, and Our means the Company.

You and Your means the Card Member.

## II. <u>DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS</u>

#### What is Covered

The Plan will pay a benefit for an item up to \$10,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents per Card Member Account during a calendar year for:

- 1. The lesser of:
  - a. the cost to repair the item;
  - b. the cost to replace the item; or
  - c. reimbursement for the item.
- 2. A Covered Incident related to Natural Disaster will have a maximum per occurrence limit of \$500 for any one Covered Incident.

For Accounts eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points program(s), an item is eligible for coverage under this Plan if it was purchased through the redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount of the Membership Reward Points and/or Pay with Points You redeemed to purchase the item. Benefits will not be paid when redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points have been transferred to a non-eligible card account or non-Card Members.

Our benefit payment will not include payment of expenses or fees related to shipping and handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the item. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount charged to Your Account (including applicable sales tax). Repair must be performed by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility, as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty.

## **Length of Coverage**

Purchase Protection provides benefits, for ninety (90) days from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to the item You purchased and charged to Your Account.

Only a Card Member has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

#### III. EXCLUSIONS

## **General Exclusions**

Benefits are not payable if the Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by:

1. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections, service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;

- 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations;
- 3. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 4. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Card Member;
- 5. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 6. damage or theft while under the care and control of any third party in whose possession the item purchased by a Card Member has been temporarily placed;
- 7. item not being reasonably safeguarded;
- 8. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 9. damage through alteration (including but not limited to cutting, sawing and shaping);
- 10. normal wear and tear of any kind, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or damage to an item purchased for play and while the item was being used for its intended purposes (including but not limited to sports equipment, items used for or during recreation, and motorized remote control items);
- 11. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier (including but not limited to transportation services, postal services, delivery services for hire);
- 12. leaving the purchased item at an unoccupied (i.e., absence of people from premises that is not a liveable or useable space) construction site; or
- 13. fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by your partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives.

#### **Purchases Not Covered**

The following purchases are not covered:

- 1. consumable or perishable items with extended or limited life spans (including, but not limited to: food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- 2. lost, stolen or damaged items consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 3. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including but not limited to gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent, rare stamps or coins;
- 4. animals or living plants;
- 5. one-of-a-kind, antique or previously owned and used items. Items refurbished by the manufacturer are not considered previously owned or used;
- 6. motorized vehicles, scooters, golf carts, watercraft, aircraft, motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories, or trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle:
- 7. items rented, leased or borrowed for which You will be held responsible;
- permanent household fixtures unless they can be removed without causing damage to the structure;
- 9. items purchased for use as inventory.

## IV. CLAIMS PROCESS

If You experience a Covered Incident for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any loss, theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased on Your Account. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged item (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

We will decide whether to do one of the following: 1) have the product repaired; 2) have the product replaced; or 3) reimburse You up to the amount of the item purchased on Your Account.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

#### **Proof of Loss**

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within sixty (60) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection claim form:
- 2. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of primary insurance policies or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance policies);
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged item by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized item that has been filed with the appropriate authority. You must file such report before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

You may be required to send in the damaged item to Us at Our expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged item within sixty (60) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

## V. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Assignment**

This Policy may not be assigned and any purported assignment is void.

## **Change of Permanent Residence**

You must notify Us as soon as reasonably possible if You change Your Permanent Address. If the change is to a different state, Your Plan provisions may be adjusted to conform to the requirements of that state. We will send any and all notices or Plan related materials to Your last known address on file. If You fail to notify Us of a change in Your Permanent Residence, You may not receive all notices and Plan related materials.

#### **Clerical Error**

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

## Conformity with State and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of State or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

## **Entire Contract; Representation; Change**

This Policy and any applications, endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You or the Authorized Driver make is a representation and not a warranty. This Policy may be changed at any time by written agreement by the Company. Changes shall take effect as of the date a replacement Policy is issued or the date otherwise communicated by the Company.

#### **Fraud**

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Covered Incident, have:

- concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or
- 2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

## **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

#### Right of Recovery

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable.

#### **Secondary Coverage**

This Plan is secondary to all other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity and shall apply only when such other benefits are exhausted. We will pay only that portion of Covered Incident benefit which is not reimbursed by other collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity, up to Our limits, as provided under the Description of Benefits section.

# When a Card Member has Coverage under similar products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company

A Card Member may be covered for similar benefits under different products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company. If the products state that the similar benefits are either primary or that the benefits are excess, the product with the lower level of benefits will pay first and the other product(s) will provide excess coverage.

## Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

## VI. <u>TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION</u>

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Policy or any endorsement or rider at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Policy prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

#### VII. IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Policy. This Policy replaces any prior Policy which may have been issued to You. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Policy, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

This Policy is an important document. Please read it and keep it in a safe place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have caused this Insurance Policy to be signed by Our officers:

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEXAssurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

**AMEXAssurance Company** 

## **Other State Notices**

## **FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS**

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

AMEX Assurance Company (800) 322-1277

If you (a) need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates insurance or (b) have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance by mail, telephone or email:

State of Indiana Department of insurance Consumer Services Division 311 West Washington Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787

Consumer Hotline: (800) 622-4461; (317) 232-2395.

Complaints can be filed electronically at www.in.gov/idoi

# PURCHASE PROTECTION INSURANCE POLICY

Underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, 20022 N. 31st Ave. MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix AZ 85027

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the cost of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. The coverage provided under this Plan is secondary coverage to any other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity.

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## I. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Certain words used in this Insurance Policy are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express® Card Account on which the record of the charge for the item purchased is made.

American Express Card means any card bearing an American Express trademark or logo authorized by American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc., or its subsidiaries or affiliates, which can be used to purchase goods or services at merchants on the American Express Network and which American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc. designates as eligible for coverage under the Policy.

**Card Member** means a person who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card and who has a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or theft of or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

**Company** means AMEX Assurance Company.

**Insurance Policy or Policy** means the contract issued to the Policyholder provided the benefits described herein.

**Membership Rewards® Points** means credits obtained through the Membership Rewards program available with most American Express Cards, which are earned when making certain purchases with such cards. In some cases, participating Card Members receive a redemption certificate in order to use their Membership Rewards points.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a natural disaster by local authorities or governments.

**Pay with Points** is a process that may be available to an individual who accrues American Express Membership Rewards Points and then uses the Membership Rewards Points to pay for an item by converting them to statement credits to off-set some or all of the expense of that item reflected on the individual's Account statement.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Card Member resides and to which he/she intend to return and, if necessary, can be evidenced by a current and active official form of Identification, examples include, but are not limited to: State issued Identification Card, Driver License, and Voter Identification Card.

**Plan** means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

Policyholder means Card Member.

We, Us, and Our means the Company.

You and Your means the Card Member.

## II. <u>DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS</u>

#### What is Covered

The Plan will pay a benefit for an item up to \$10,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents per Card Member Account during a calendar year for:

- 1. The lesser of:
  - a. the cost to repair the item;
  - b. the cost to replace the item; or
  - c. reimbursement for the item.
- A Covered Incident related to Natural Disaster will have a maximum per occurrence limit of \$500 for any one Covered Incident.

For Accounts eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points program(s), an item is eligible for coverage under this Plan if it was purchased through the redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount of the Membership Reward Points and/or Pay with Points You redeemed to purchase the item. Benefits will not be paid when redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points have been transferred to a non-eligible card account or non-Card Members.

Our benefit payment will not include payment of expenses or fees related to shipping and handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the item. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount charged to Your Account (including applicable sales tax). Repair must be performed by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility, as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty.

## **Length of Coverage**

Purchase Protection provides benefits, for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to the item You purchased and charged to Your Account.

Only a Card Member has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

#### III. EXCLUSIONS

## **General Exclusions**

Benefits are not payable if the Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or indirectly, wholly or partially, contributed to or caused by:

- 1. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections, service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;
- 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations;
- 3. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 4. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Card Member;
- 5. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 6. damage or theft while under the care and control of any third party in whose possession the item purchased by a Card Member has been temporarily placed;
- 7. item not being reasonably safeguarded;
- 8. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 9. damage through alteration (including but not limited to cutting, sawing and shaping);
- 10. normal wear and tear of any kind, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or damage to an item purchased for play and while the item was being used for its intended purposes (including but not limited to sports equipment, items used for or during recreation, and motorized remote control items);
- 11. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier (including but not limited to transportation services, postal services, delivery services for hire);
- 12. leaving the purchased item at an unoccupied (i.e., absence of people from premises that is not a liveable or useable space) construction site; or
- 13. fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by your partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives.

#### **Purchases Not Covered**

The following purchases are not covered:

- 1. consumable or perishable items with extended or limited life spans (including, but not limited to: food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- 2. lost, stolen or damaged items consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 3. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including but not limited to gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent, rare stamps or coins;
- 4. animals or living plants;
- 5. one-of-a-kind, antique or previously owned and used items. Items refurbished by the manufacturer are not considered previously owned or used;
- 6. motorized vehicles, scooters, golf carts, watercraft, aircraft, motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories, or trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle;
- 7. items rented, leased or borrowed for which You will be held responsible;
- 8. permanent household fixtures unless they can be removed without causing damage to the structure;
- 9. items purchased for use as inventory.

### IV. CLAIMS PROCESS

If You experience a Covered Incident for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any loss, theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased on Your Account. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged item (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

We will decide whether to do one of the following: 1) have the product repaired; 2) have the product replaced; or 3) reimburse You up to the amount of the item purchased on Your Account.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

#### **Proof of Loss**

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within ninety (90) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within ninety (90) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection claim form:
- 2. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of primary insurance policies or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance policies);
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged item by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized item that has been filed with the appropriate authority. You must file such report before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

You may be required to send in the damaged item to Us at Our expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged item within sixty (60) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

## V. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Assignment**

This Policy may not be assigned and any purported assignment is void.

## **Change of Permanent Residence**

You must notify Us as soon as reasonably possible if You change Your Permanent Address. If the change is to a different state, Your Plan provisions may be adjusted to conform to the requirements of that state. We will send any and all notices or Plan related materials to Your last known address on file. If You fail to notify Us of a change in Your Permanent Residence, You may not receive all notices and Plan related materials.

#### Clerical Error

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

## Conformity with State and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of State or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

## **Entire Contract; Representation; Change**

This Policy and any applications, endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You make is a representation and not a warranty. This Policy may be changed at any time by written agreement by the Company. Changes shall take effect as of the date a replacement Policy is issued or the date otherwise communicated by the Company.

#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Covered Incident, have:

- 1. concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or
- 2. concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

## **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

## **Right of Recovery**

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable.

#### **Secondary Coverage**

This Plan is secondary to all other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity and shall apply only when such other benefits are exhausted. We will pay only that portion of Covered Incident benefit which is not reimbursed by other collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity, up to Our limits, as provided under the Description of Benefits section.

# When a Card Member has Coverage under similar products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company

A Card Member may be covered for similar benefits under different products underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company. If the products state that the similar benefits are either primary or that the benefits are excess, the product with the lower level of benefits will pay first and the other product(s) will provide excess coverage.

## Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

## VI. <u>TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION</u>

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Policy or any endorsement or rider at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Policy prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

#### VII. IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Policy. This Policy replaces any prior Policy which may have been issued to You. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Policy, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

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Plan means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy (PP-MP 09/17) issued by the Company to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

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## **Length of Coverage**

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#### III. EXCLUSIONS

## **General Exclusions**

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If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within sixty (60) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

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## V. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Change of Permanent Residence**

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## Conformity with State and Federal Law

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#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

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No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

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## **Subrogation**

In the event of any payment under this Plan, We shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all Your rights of recovery. You shall execute all papers required and shall do everything necessary to secure and preserve such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable Us to effectively bring suit or otherwise pursue subrogation rights in Your name. You shall do nothing to prejudice such subrogation rights.

We shall be entitled to a recovery as stated in these provisions only after You have been fully compensated for damages by another party.

## VI. TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION

Coverage will terminate automatically on the earliest of the following:

- 1. the date You no longer maintain a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, or the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands;
- 2. the date We notify You of our determination that Your enrollment or claims information contains a misrepresentation or fraudulent statement or fails to disclose material information;
- 3. the date You terminate Your Account and are no longer a Card Member;
- 4. the date Your Account is cancelled by American Express; or
- 5. the date the Plan is not available in the location where You maintain a Permanent Residence.

The Company has the right to cancel this Description of Coverage at any time by sending a written notice at least sixty (60) days in advance to You at Your last known address. The notice will include the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if the item purchased is made on Your Account prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation.

Termination or cancellation of coverage will not prejudice any Notice of Claim submitted prior to termination or cancellation, subject to all other terms of the Plan.

## VII. IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOU

The benefits described herein are subject to all of the terms, conditions, and exclusions of the Policy. This Description of Coverage replaces any prior Description of Coverage which may have been furnished in connection with the Policy. For any questions regarding the benefits described in this Description of Coverage, please call 1-800-322-1277 or International Collect 1-303-273-6498, the number listed on the back of Your card, or the number shown on Your card statement.

This Description of Coverage is an important document. Please read it and keep it in a safe place.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have caused this Description of Coverage to be signed by Our officers:

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEX Assurance Company

Mark W. Musser Secretary

AMEXAssurance Company

## AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT

To be attached to and made a part of the Description of Coverage/Policy.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES YOUR DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE/POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

## **Applicable to Residents of Puerto Rico**

1. The **Policy** definition is replaced by the following:

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy (AX0951-PR, AX0951-VI, AX0953-PR or AX0953-VI) issued by the Company to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

2. The paragraph on **Company Cancellation** is hereby replaced by the following:

The Company can cancel this Description of Coverage or any endorsement or rider at any time for any reason including but not necessarily limited to:

- a. non-Payment of premium by the Master Policyholder; or
- b. a Company decision to stop underwriting this kind of insurance.

The Card Member has the right to know and/or request the grounds on which this Description of Coverage is cancelled. To that effect, the Company must provide sixty (60) days written notice, actually delivered or mailed by certified mail, prior to the date cancellation is effective, indicating in such notice the reason for cancellation. You will be eligible to receive benefits if You fully activated coverage in accordance with this Description of Coverage prior to the effective date of the Company's cancellation. If the Company cancels, the Master Policyholder must assist the Company in notifying Card Members of the date their insurance is cancelled.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE/POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED.

Jonathan T. Moore President

AMEX Assurance Company

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Mark W. Musser Secretary

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# PURCHASE PROTECTION DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE

Underwritten by AMEX Assurance Company Administrative Office, 20022 N. 31st Ave. MC: 08-01-20 Phoenix AZ 85027

The Group Insurance Master Policy (AX0951) is issued to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc., the Policyholder. This Policy is issued in and governed by the laws of Wisconsin. Coverage is provided to You subject to all exclusions and provisions of the Policy.

Purchase Protection provides coverage for Your purchases for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase when You charge any portion of the cost of the purchased item to Your Account. You will be reimbursed only for the amount charged to Your Account. The coverage provided under this Plan is secondary coverage to any other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity.

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#### I. DEFINITIONS

Certain words used in this Description of Coverage are capitalized throughout and have special meanings. Wherever used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular, as the context requires.

**Account** means Your American Express® Card Account on which the record of the charge for the item purchased is made.

**Card Member** means a person who has been issued a United States of America based proprietary American Express Card and who has a Permanent Residence in the 50 United States of America, or the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**Covered Incident** means the loss or theft of, or damage, whether by accident or vandalism, to any one item of property purchased worldwide as a gift or for personal or business use and charged to Your Account.

**Company** means AMEX Assurance Company.

Master Policyholder means American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

**Membership Rewards® Points** means credits obtained through the Membership Rewards program available with most American Express Cards, which are earned when making certain purchases with such cards. In some cases, participating Card Members receive a redemption certificate in order to use their Membership Rewards points.

**Natural Disaster** means hurricanes, floods, tornados, earthquakes or any other event in the course of nature that occurs at the same time or in separate instances that have been declared a natural disaster by local authorities or governments.

**Pay with Points** is a process that may be available to an individual who accrues American Express Membership Rewards Points and then uses the Membership Rewards Points to pay for an item by converting them to statement credits to off-set some or all of the expense of that item reflected on the individual's Account statement.

**Permanent Residence** means the one primary dwelling place where the Card Member resides and to which he/she intend to return and, if necessary, can be evidenced by a current and active official form of Identification, examples include, but are not limited to: State issued Identification Card, Driver License, and Voter Identification Card.

Plan means the Policy and the benefits described therein.

**Policy** means the Group Insurance Master Policy (AX0951) issued by the Company to American Express Travel Related Services Company, Inc.

We, Us, and Our means the Company.

You and Your means the Card Member.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS

#### What is Covered

The Plan will pay a benefit for an item up to \$10,000 for any one Covered Incident and up to \$50,000 for all Covered Incidents per Card Member Account during a calendar year for:

- 1. The lesser of:
  - a. the cost to repair the item;
  - b. the cost to replace the item; or
  - c. reimbursement for the item.
- 2. A Covered Incident related to Natural Disaster will have a maximum per occurrence limit of \$500 for any one Covered Incident.

For Accounts eligible and enrolled in the Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points program(s), an item is eligible for coverage under this Plan if it was purchased through the redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount of the Membership Reward Points and/or Pay with Points You redeemed to purchase the item. Benefits will not be paid when redemption of Membership Rewards Points and/or Pay with Points have been transferred to a non-eligible card account or non-Card Members.

Our benefit payment will not include payment of expenses or fees related to shipping and handling, installation, assembly, professional advice, maintenance or other service charges or any product rebates, discounts or money received from lowest price comparison programs that reduced the original cost of the item. Our benefit payment will not exceed the amount charged to Your Account (including applicable sales tax). Repair must be performed by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility, as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty.

#### **Length of Coverage**

Purchase Protection provides benefits, for one hundred and twenty (120) days (ninety (90) days for New York Residents) from the date of purchase, if a Covered Incident occurs with respect to the item You purchased and charged to Your Account.

Only a Card Member has a legal and equitable right to any insurance benefit that may be available under this Plan.

## III. EXCLUSIONS

#### **General Exclusions**

Benefits are not payable if the Covered Incident for which coverage is sought was directly or wholly caused by:

- 1. war or acts of war (whether declared or undeclared), participation in a felony, riot, civil disturbance, protest or insurrections, service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;
- 2. any activity directly related to and occurring while in the service of any armed military force of any nation state recognized by the United Nations;
- 3. violation of a criminal law, offense or infraction;
- 4. fraud or abuse or illegal activity of any kind by the Card Member;
- 5. confiscation by any governmental authority, public authority, or customs official;
- 6. damage or theft while under the care and control of any third party in whose possession the item purchased by a Card Member has been temporarily placed;
- 7. item not being reasonably safeguarded;
- 8. theft from baggage not carried by hand and under Your personal supervision or under the supervision of a traveling companion known by You;
- 9. damage through alteration (including but not limited to cutting, sawing and shaping);
- 10. normal wear and tear of any kind, inherent product defect or manufacturer's defects or damage to an item purchased for play and while the item was being used for its intended purposes (including but not limited to sports equipment, items used for or during recreation, and motorized remote control items);
- 11. damage or theft while under the care and control of a common carrier (including but not limited to transportation services, postal services, delivery services for hire);
- 12. leaving the purchased item at an unoccupied (i.e., absence of people from premises that is not a liveable or useable space) construction site; or
- 13. fraudulent, dishonest, or criminal acts or omissions, committed by your partners, members, officers, managers, employees (including leased or temporary employees), directors, trustees, or authorized representatives;

#### **Purchases Not Covered**

The following purchases are not covered:

- 1. consumable or perishable items with extended or limited life spans (including, but not limited to: food, perfume, light bulbs, batteries);
- 2. lost, stolen or damaged items consisting of articles in a pair or set. Coverage will be limited to no more than the value of any particular part or parts, unless the articles are unusable individually and cannot be replaced individually, regardless of any special value they may have had as part of a set or collection;
- 3. travelers checks, tickets of any kind, negotiable instruments (including but not limited to gift certificates, gift cards and gift checks), cash or its equivalent, rare stamps or coins;
- 4. animals or living plants;
- 5. one-of-a-kind, antique or previously owned and used items. Items refurbished by the manufacturer are not considered previously owned or used;
- 6. motorized vehicles, scooters, golf carts, watercraft, aircraft, motorcycles or their motors, equipment, parts or accessories, or trailers and other items that can be towed by or attached to any motorized vehicle;
- 7. items rented, leased or borrowed for which You will be held responsible;
- 8. permanent household fixtures unless they can be removed without causing damage to the structure;
- 9. items purchased for use as inventory.

## IV. <u>CLAIMS PROCESS</u>

If You experience a Covered Incident for which You believe a benefit is payable under this Plan, You must provide both Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss.

To insure prompt processing of Your claim, report any loss, theft or damage immediately following the date of the Covered Incident, including for gifts purchased on Your Account. Retain Your receipts and Your damaged item (if applicable) until the claim process is complete.

We will decide whether to do one of the following: 1) have the product repaired; 2) have the product replaced; or 3) reimburse You up to the amount of the item purchased on Your Account.

#### **Notice of Claim**

Notice of Claim should be provided to Us within thirty (30) days of the Covered Incident. You may contact the Company by calling toll-free stateside 1-800-322-1277 or, if from overseas, by calling collect 1-303-273-6498. You may also write to Us at Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, El Paso TX 79998-9920.

Failure to provide Notice of Claim within thirty (30) days will not invalidate a claim or reduce any benefit payment that may be found to be eligible, if it can be shown that Notice of Claim was provided as soon as reasonably possible. At the time You provide Us with Notice of Claim, We will assist with completion of the Proof of Loss by providing instructions and/or documents, which You may have to complete and return to Us. You are required to cooperate with Us and provide documentation as requested by Us which is required and necessary to process Your claim and determine if benefits are payable. No claim will be denied based upon Your failure to provide notice within such specified time, unless this failure operates to prejudice Our rights.

#### **Proof of Loss**

If required, a claim form will be sent to You after We receive notice of loss. Written proof of loss, which includes the signed claim form and all other requested documentation, must be received within sixty (60) days after We have provided You with instructions and/or a claim form in response to Your Notice of Claim, or Your claim may be denied. The proof of loss must be sent to: Purchase Protection Claims Unit, PO Box 981553, EI Paso TX 79998-9920. If the required proof of loss and other documentation is not received within sixty (60) days of the Our request (except for documentation which has not been furnished for reasons beyond Your control), coverage may be denied. It is the Your responsibility to provide all required documentation.

Proof of Loss may require documentation consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

- 1. a Purchase Protection claim form:
- 2. the original itemized store receipt with applicable sales tax included;
- 3. the insurance declaration forms for Your other sources of primary insurance policies or indemnity (e.g., homeowner's or renter's insurance policies);
- 4. a photograph of and/or repair estimate for the damaged item by an authorized repair facility or other professional repair facility as outlined in the manufacturer's warranty; and
- 5. for theft and vandalism claims, a report regarding the stolen or vandalized item that has been filed with the appropriate authority. You must file such report before You call to file a claim under Purchase Protection.

You may be required to send in the damaged item to Us at Our expense for further evaluation of Your claim. If requested, You must send in the damaged item within sixty (60) days from the date of Our request to remain eligible for coverage.

#### **Payment of Claims**

A claim for benefits provided by this Plan will be paid within thirty (30) days upon Our receipt and review of Your complete Proof of Loss documentation and determination that a claim is payable according to the terms of the Plan.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this or any other provision of this Plan will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

For items purchased under installment billing plans, We will pay the amount that has been billed up to the date of Covered Incident. Once the remaining balance has been paid or fulfilled by You, We will pay the remaining balance to You.

## V. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **Change of Permanent Residence**

You must notify Us as soon as reasonably possible if You change Your Permanent Address. If the change is to a different state, Your Plan provisions may be adjusted to conform to the requirements of that state. We will send any and all notices or Plan related materials to Your last known address on file. If You fail to notify Us of a change in Your Permanent Residence, You may not receive all notices and Plan related materials.

#### **Clerical Error**

A clerical error made by the Company will not invalidate insurance otherwise validly in force nor continue insurance not validly in force.

## Conformity with State and Federal Law

If a Plan provision does not conform to applicable provisions of State or Federal law, the Plan is hereby amended to comply with such law.

## **Entire Contract; Representation; Change**

This Description of Coverage and any endorsements or riders make up the entire contract. Any statement You make is a representation and not a warranty. This Description of Coverage may be changed at any time by written agreement between the Master Policyholder and the Company. Changes shall take effect as of the date a replacement Description of Coverage, if any, is issued or the date otherwise agreed upon by the Master Policyholder and the Company. A copy of the Policy will be maintained and kept by the Master Policyholder and may be examined at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice.

#### Fraud

If any request for benefits made under the Plan is determined to be fraudulent, or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by You or by anyone acting on Your behalf to obtain benefits, all benefits will be forfeited.

No coverage is provided if You, whether before or after a Covered Incident, have:

- 1. concealed or misrepresented any fact upon which we rely, if the concealment or misrepresentation is material and is made with the intent to deceive; or
- 2. intentionally concealed or misrepresented any fact if the fact misrepresented contributes to the Covered Incident.

We may be required to report suspicion of fraudulent activity and/or confirmed fraudulent activity to Your residency state's Department of Insurance.

## **Legal Actions**

No legal action may be brought to recover against this Plan until sixty (60) days after Proof of Loss documentation has been received by Us. No such action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

If a time limit of this Plan is less than allowed by the laws of the state where You live, the limit is extended to meet the minimum time allowed by such law.

## **Right of Recovery**

If We make a payment to You under this Plan and You recover an amount from another, equal to or less than Our payment, You shall hold in trust for Us the proceeds of the recovery and reimburse Us to the extent of Our payment. If Our payments exceed the maximum amount payable under the benefits of this Plan, We have the right to recover from You any amount exceeding the maximum amount payable, only after You have been fully compensated for the loss sustained.

## **Secondary Coverage**

This Plan is secondary to all other valid and collectible insurance or other sources of indemnity and shall apply only when such other benefits are exhausted. We will pay only that portion of Covered Incident benefit

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