# Guide to Benefits for Mastercard® Cardholders

## Lost or Damaged Luggage

## **Key Terms**

Throughout this document, You and Your refer to the **cardholder** or **authorized user** of the **covered card.** We, Us, and Our refer to New Hampshire Insurance Company, an AIG Company.

Administrator means Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. You may contact the administrator if you have questions regarding this coverage or would like to make a claim. The administrator can be reached by phone at **1-800-Mastercard.** 

**Authorized User** means an individual who is authorized to make purchases on the covered card by the cardholder and is recorded by the Participating Organization on its records as being an authorized user.

**Cardholder** means the person who has been issued an account by the Participating Organization for the covered card.

**Carry-on Luggage** means suitcases or other containers specifically designated for carrying personal property, which are carried on board a common carrier by you.

**Checked Luggage** means suitcases or other containers specifically designated for carrying personal property, for which a claim check has been issued to you by a common carrier.

**Common Carrier** means an air, land, or water motorized transportation carrier operating under a regularly published schedule and current license as required by law for the conveyance of passengers. Common carrier does not include helicopters, taxis rental cars, hired cars, and private and contract carriers.

**Covered Card** means the Mastercard card.

**Damage** means items that can no longer perform the function they were intended to do in normal service due to broken parts, material or structural failures.

**Evidence of Coverage (EOC)** means the document describing the terms, conditions, and exclusions. The EOC, Key Terms, and Legal Disclosures are the entire agreement between You and Us. Representations or promises

made by anyone that are not contained in the EOC, Key Terms, or Legal Disclosures are not a part of your coverage.

**Lost** means luggage (including personal property contained within) that is missing for 10 consecutive days and whose whereabouts are unknown to you or the common carrier.

**United States Dollars (USD)** means the currency of the United States of America.

### **Evidence of Coverage**

Refer to Key Terms for the definitions of you, your, we, us, our, and words that appear in bold and Legal Disclosures.

#### A. To get coverage:

You must pay the entire cost of the **common carrier** ticket(s) with your **covered card** and/or accumulated points from your covered card.

#### B. The kind of coverage you receive:

- Reimbursement for the actual cost of repairing or replacing your checked or **carry-on luggage** and personal property contained therein that is **lost** or **damaged**.
- Coverage begins when the luggage is checked in or carried on to the common carrier by you. This includes curbside check in with facility-designated personnel.
- Coverage ends each time you regain possession of the **checked luggage** from, or carry the luggage off of the common carrier or twenty-four (24) hours after you depart from the common carrier, whichever comes first.
- Coverage is secondary to any other applicable insurance or coverage available to you including benefits provided by the common carrier (including, but not limited to, goodwill payments, refunds, credit/ vouchers). Coverage is limited to only those amounts not covered by any other insurance or coverage, or common carrier benefits (including, but not limited to, goodwill payments, refunds, credit/vouchers).



#### C. Coverage limitations:

Coverage is limited to the actual cost, up to \$1,500 per incident of repairing or replacing your checked and/or carry-on luggage and any personal property contained within. There is a maximum of two (2) claim(s) per twelve (12) month period.

#### D. Where you are covered:

Coverage applies worldwide.

#### E. What is NOT covered:

- Loss or damage of luggage or personal property for regularly scheduled short-distance travel under one hundred (100) miles.
- Loss or damage resulting from any dishonest, fraudulent, or criminal act committed or arranged by you.
- Loss resulting from war or hostilities of any kind (including, but not limited to, invasion, terrorism, rebellion, insurrection, riot, or civil commotion); confiscation, expropriation or detention by any government, public authority, or customs official; illegal activity or acts.
- Loss resulting from contamination by radioactive or hazardous substances, including mold.
- Sporting equipment or musical instruments, unless checked in as luggage with the common carrier and for which a claim check has been issued.
- Electronic equipment (including, but not limited to, laptops, PDAs, video/film cameras, or hearing aids).
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses, prosthetic devices, dentures, silverware, furs, household furniture, or documents (including, but not limited to, visas and IDs).
- Plants, shrubs, animals, consumables, and perishables.
- Traveler's checks, tickets of any kind (e.g., for airlines, sporting events, concerts, or lottery), negotiable instruments, bullion, rare, or precious metals, stamps, and coins, currency or its equivalent.
- Jewelry, art, used or antique items; collectibles of any kind (such as items designed for people to collect or items that over time become collectibles); recycled, previously owned, refurbished, rebuilt, or remanufactured items.
- Defective material or workmanship, ordinary wear and tear or normal deterioration.
- Loss or damage not reported within the time period required, as stipulated in the claim procedure.
- Loss or damage where the common carrier completely denies a claim for checked and/or carry-on luggage.
- Items excluded under the common carrier's coverage (except carry-on luggage).
- Loss or damage where the common carrier pays the claim in full or repairs the damage.
- Interest or conversion fees that are charged to your covered card by the financial institution.

#### F. How to file a claim:

- Visit **www.mycardbenefits.com** or call **1-800-Mastercard** to open a claim. You must report the claim within sixty (60) days of the incident or the claim may not be honored.
- Report within twenty-four (24) hours any loss or damage to the common carrier.
- Submit the following documentation within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the date of incident or the claim may not be honored:
- o Receipt showing the purchase of common carrier tickets.
- o Statement showing the purchase of common carrier tickets.
- o Copy of initial claim report submitted to the common carrier.
- o Covered card travel point program statement showing the common carrier ticket was paid for with redeemed points.

- o Report from police, if applicable.
- o The result of any settlement by the common carrier.
- o Receipts showing that your luggage or personal property has actually been repaired or replaced.

Any other documentation that may be reasonably requested by us or our **administrator** to validate a claim.

## Legal Disclosure

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

Benefits are provided to you, the accountholder, at no additional charge. Non-insurance services may have associated costs, which will be your responsibility (for example, legal referrals are free, but the lawyer's fee is your responsibility).

The insurance benefits are provided under a group policy issued by New Hampshire Insurance Company, an AIG company. This Guide to Benefits is a summary of benefits provided to you. The attached Key Terms and **EOC** are governed by the Group Policy.

**Effective date of benefits:** Effective July 1, 2019, this Guide to Benefits replaces all prior disclosures, program descriptions, advertising, and brochures by any party. The Policyholder and the insurer reserve the right to change the benefits and features of these programs at any time. Notice will be provided for any changes.

**Cancellation:** The Policyholder can cancel these benefits at any time or choose not to renew the insurance coverage for all **cardholders.** If the Policyholder does cancel these benefits, you will be notified in advance. If the insurance company terminates, cancels, or chooses not to renew the coverage to the Policyholder, you will be notified as soon as is practicable. Insurance benefits will still apply for any benefits you were eligible for prior to the date of such terminations, cancellation, or non-renewal, subject to the terms and conditions of coverage.

**Benefits to you:** These benefits apply only to the cardholder whose cards are issued by U.S. financial institutions. The United States is defined as the fifty (50) United States, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. No person or entity other than the cardholder shall have any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim for benefits, insurance proceeds and **damages** under or arising out of these programs. These benefits do not apply if your card privileges have been cancelled. However, insurance benefits will still apply for any benefit you were eligible for prior to the date that your account is suspended or cancelled, subject to the terms and conditions of coverage.

**Transfer of rights or benefits:** No rights or benefits provided under these insurance benefits may be assigned without the prior written consent of the claim **administrator** for these benefits.

**Misrepresentation and Fraud:** Benefits shall be void if the cardholder has concealed or misrepresented any material facts concerning this coverage.

**Dispute Resolution – Arbitration:** This EOC requires binding arbitration if there is an unresolved dispute concerning this EOC (including the cost of, lack of, or actual repair or replacement arising from a **loss** or breakdown). Under this Arbitration provision, You give up your right to resolve any dispute arising from this EOC by a judge and/or a jury. You also agree not to participate as a class representative or class member in any class action litigation, any class arbitration or any consolidation of individual arbitrations. In arbitration, a group of three (3) arbitrators (each of whom is an independent, neutral third party) will give a decision after hearing the parties' positions. The decision of a majority of the arbitrators will determine the outcome of the arbitration and the decision of the arbitrators shall be final and binding and cannot be reviewed or changed by, or appealed to, a court of law.

To start arbitration, the disputing party must make a written demand to the other party for arbitration. This demand must be made within one (1) year of the earlier of the date the loss occurred or the dispute



arose. The parties will each separately select an arbitrator. The two (2) arbitrators will select a third arbitrator called an "umpire." Each party will each pay the expense of the arbitrator selected by that party. The expense of the umpire will be shared equally by the parties. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the arbitration will take place in the county and state in which You live. The arbitration shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C.A. § 1 et. seq.) and not by any state law concerning arbitration. The rules of the American Arbitration Association (www.adr.org) will apply to any arbitration under this EOC. The laws of the state of New York (without giving effect to its conflict of law principles) govern all matters arising out of or relating to this EOC and all transactions contemplated by this EOC, including, without limitation, the validity, interpretation, construction, performance and enforcement of this EOC.

**Due Diligence:** All parties are expected to exercise due diligence to avoid or diminish any theft, loss or damage to the property insured under these programs. "Due diligence" means the performance of all vigilant activity, attentiveness, and care that would be taken by a reasonable and prudent person in the same or similar circumstances in order to guard and protect the item.

**Subrogation:** If payment is made under these benefits, the insurance company is entitled to recover such amounts from other parties or persons. Any party or cardholder who receives payment under these benefits must transfer to the insurance company his or her rights to recovery against any other party or person and must do everything necessary to secure these rights and must do nothing that would jeopardize them, or these rights will be recovered from the cardholder.

**Salvage:** If an item is not repairable, the claim administrator may request that the cardholder or gift recipient send the item to the administrator for salvage at the cardholder's or gift recipient's expense. Failure to remit the requested item for salvage to the claim administrator may result in denial of the claim.

**Other Insurance:** Coverage is secondary to and in excess of any other applicable insurance or indemnity available to You. Coverage is limited to only those amounts not covered by any other insurance or indemnity. It is subject to the conditions, limitations, and exclusions described in this document. In no event will this coverage apply as contributing insurance. This Other Insurance clause will take precedence over a similar clause found in other insurance or indemnity language.

In no event will these insurance benefits apply as contributing insurance. The non-contribution insurance clause will take precedence over the non-contribution clause found in any other insurance policies.

Severability of Provisions: If in the future any one or more of the provisions of this Guide to Benefits is, to any extent and for any reason, held to be invalid or unenforceable, then such provision(s) shall be deemed "severable" from the remaining provisions of the Guide. In that event, all other provisions of this Guide shall remain valid and enforceable.

Benefits listed in this Guide to Benefits are subject to the conditions, limitations, and exclusions described in each benefit section. Receipt and/ or possession of this Guide to Benefits does not guarantee coverage or coverage availability.

This Guide is intended as a summary of services, benefits, and coverages and, in case of a conflict between the Guide and the master insurance policies, or an issuer's, or the Mastercard actual offerings, such master policies or actual offering shall control. Provision of services is subject to availability and applicable legal restrictions.

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