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Important account information Eligibility In general, if you expect to earn at least \$5,000 in the current calendar year AND you've earned at least \$5,000 during any two prior calendar years, you're eligible to participate in your company's SIMPLE IRA plan. Your employer may have less restrictive requirements, which would be outlined in your plan's Summary Description. Your contributions You decide how much of your pay, up to IRS limits,* you want to contribute. Your contributions will be deducted directly from your paycheck. You can make:

- **Before-tax contributions.** Because you're contributing money from your paycheck before income taxes are deducted, you reduce your annual taxable income in the year the contributions are made. Before-tax contributions allow your savings to accumulate tax-deferred. In other words, you don't pay taxes on what you save or on your assets as they grow until you take the money out at retirement.

- **Additional catch-up contributions.** If you're 50 or older, you can contribute an additional amount* before taxes. *See the Disclosure Statement in the back of this guide for current contribution limits. Your employer's contributions As described in your plan's Summary Description, your employer will make one of two types of contributions: • **Matching.** Your employer may match any contributions you make, dollar for dollar, up to 3% of eligible compensation.

- **Nonelective.** Your employer may contribute up to 2% of your eligible compensation to your SIMPLE IRA account — regardless of whether you make any contributions. Review the Notification to Eligible Employees for the maximum compensation amount used to calculate contributions. Vesting The money that you and your employer contribute to the plan is vested immediately — in other words, it's yours to keep. Your investment options You're in control: You select the American Funds you believe are most appropriate for your financial needs and goals. When choosing your investments, it's a good idea to consult your financial advisor. Monitoring your account You can monitor your investment results with:

- Your quarterly statement

- The American Funds 24-hour automated phone service at (800) 325-3590
- www.capitalgroup.com Making changes to your account. You'll receive a welcome package including your new account number. Once you receive it, we encourage you to visit www.capitalgroup.com/getstarted to set up online account access. This will enable you to:

- Sell and exchange shares online
 - View current and past account balances as well as dividend and capital gain information
 - Manage your account information
 - Sign up for electronic delivery of tax forms, annual and semiannual reports, quarterly statements and prospectuses
- Withdrawals** Any money you take out of your SIMPLE IRA is subject to ordinary income tax, and if you withdraw the money before you reach 59½, a 10% federal tax penalty may apply. If withdrawals are made during the first two years of participation in the plan and you're under 59½, a 25% tax penalty may apply