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*Through "The Hartford" Group.*

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GETTING STARTED

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Approved service provider contact:
George Labelkow
Financial Advisor
9210 Wyoming Ave N | Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
763-273-5187 | george@fidevisors.com

Flexible and Easy

- Easy online account setup
- No fund or investment minimums
- No mandatory annual contribution
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- 24/7 account access via smartphone, tablet, or computer

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