



Insurance and Benefits Management • International Employee Benefits

The Kent International Group caters to employee benefit needs of companies operating within the United States or around the globe. Use our experience to develop an integrated program for your employees worldwide.

New Photo Identification Card Requirement in Abu Dhabi

As you know, Kent International Group is committed to keeping our multi-national clients and producers informed of changes to local regulatory and compliance requirements as they develop around the world.

As such, important new developments in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi will now require photo identification on membership/ID cards. We have confirmed with local authorities that this requirement is mandatory.

- According to the Abu Dhabi Immigration Authority, individuals submitting new or renewal visa applications for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi must show health care membership identification cards that include a member photograph.
- All new and renewal applications will be declined if the member's health care identification card does not include the member's photograph.
- The requirement is currently limited to the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and does not impact members residing in the other Emirates within the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Impact to Kent International Group's Clients with Exposure in Abu Dhabi

- ID cards for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi are being modified to include a photo ID. We are working with the authorities to ensure that current cards continue to be accepted during the transition phase.
- An example of the new "photo" ID card appears below
- For new cases with membership based in Abu Dhabi, the implementation process will be modified to include submission of members' photos for inclusion on the ID cards.
- Existing members approaching visa renewal should first contact Kent International Group on where to submit their photo(s) and receive an updated card prior to submitting their renewal visa application. Members should include their Carrier ID number with the photo.
- All other current members based in Abu Dhabi will receive updated cards at renewal.
 - Upon approach of renewal, clients and/or members must submit required photos. Upon receipt, new photo ID cards will be issued.

Photo Submission Procedure for new clients:

Clients will need to provide photos for ID cards in the following manner:

- The member or the client's local HR representatives based in the UAE should submit a scan photo by e-mail to the requisite carrier.
- If the Carrier ID numbers have already been provided the e-mail should include the client name, member name and ID number, dependent names and ID numbers.
- If the Carrier ID numbers have not yet been provided, please include the client name, member and dependent names tied to each of the photos. Each photo should be named for each individual to ensure that they can identify the proper photo for each member and dependent.

Submission Example

Client: ABC Company

Member: John Doe (ID number if available)

Dependents:

Mary, Doe (ID number if available)

Agnes Doe (ID number if available)

Joseph Doe (ID number if available).

- **Photo Attachments:** John Doe.jpeg; Mary Doe.jpeg; Agnes Doe.jpeg; Joseph Doe.jpeg

As always, should you have questions, please contact our office. Kent International Group will continue to monitor developments in this increasingly challenging regulatory environment and work with clients to develop timely and compliant solutions to ensure minimal disruption to your business operations.

[Sample: SAICO Identification Card](#)

SAICO Saudi Arabian Insurance Company
الشركة العربية السعودية للتأمين

سايكو

Photo to appear here

Policy Holder		Expiry Date
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Member Name		Member No.
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Employee No.	National I.D. No.	Birth Date
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Class	Sex	Deductible / Co-Insurance
Gold	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>