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Beijing News (Reporter: Xu Wen) Since yesterday evening, two urgent circulars reportedly issued by Wuhan Municipal Health Commission have been circulating on the internet, stating that patients with pneumonia of unknown cause appeared one after another at Wuhan Huanan Seafood Market. Today (December 31st), Wuhan CDC confirmed to the reporter that the documents are authentic; the number of cases is still being counted, and experts dispatched by the National Health Commission have arrived at Wuhan.

According to the "Urgent Circular on Good Management of the Treatment of The Pneumonia of Unknown Cause" and "Urgent Circular of the Municipal Health Commission on Reporting the Treatment of Pneumonia of Unknown Cause" circulated on the Internet, patients with pneumonia of unknown cause appeared at Wuhan Huanan Seafood Market as informed by a higher authority in its urgent circular.

The circulars requested that all medical institutions should strengthen the management of outpatient and emergency clinics, strictly implement the system of accountability of first responder in medical service provided, and actively mobilize resources to treat patients with pneumonia of unknown cause on the spot, while it's prohibited to deny treatment or responsibility. All medical institutions should strengthen purposefully multidisciplinary professional forces such as respiratory department, infectious department, and intensive care medicine, assure the openness of green channels and effective docking of outpatient and emergency services, and improve the emergency plan for medical treatment.

A responsible official of the Health Emergency Management Office of Wuhan CDC confirmed to Beijing News reporter that the two documents are authentic, but the seriousness is not as significant as what has been circulating on the Internet, and there is a well-established handling process in place for the pneumonia of unknown cause. The type of this pneumonia of unknown cause has not yet been determined, and experts dispatched by the National Health Commission have arrived in Wuhan. As the number of cases diagnosed is still being counted, the information is currently not available for disclosure.

[screen snapshot]

Wuhan Municipal Health Commission

Urgent Circular of the Municipal Health Commission on Reporting the Treatment of the Pneumonia of Unknown Cause

All relevant medical institutions,

According to the urgent notice from the higher authority, patients with pneumonia of unknown cause appeared one after another at Wuhan Huanan Seafood Market. In order to respond well to the incident, please immediately work on statistics of the patients with similar characteristics of pneumonia of unknown cause attended in recent weeks. The statistical form (stamped and scanned) shall will be submitted by email to the Medical Administration Division of the Municipal Health Commission by 4 PM today.

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Attached: Reporting form of relevant information

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