

'Won't dump patients'

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — Gov. Hugh Carey vowed today that it is not his administration's policy to dump mental patients on the communities and said he would assure greater input for local governments in siting new community residential facilities.

His State of the State message to the Legislature said additional funds would be requested to implement the standards of the Willowbrook consent decree statewide in programs for the mentally retarded.

None of the governor's proposals were spelled out in detail, with specifics expected to come in his budget recommendations on Jan. 17.

An additional appropriation to expand follow-up services for patients discharged from state psychiatric centers was one proposal offered to answer crit-

icism of the state's shift to community-based treatment for the mentally ill.

"Our priority for the development of these services will be in areas where there is already a heavy concentration of patients," Carey said in his statement.

Proposals for siting new community programs would establish safeguards against the oversaturation of communities with facilities for the care of the mentally disabled, he said.

The governor also said that he had ordered Department of Mental Hygiene officials to work with the union representing state workers to assure them that expansion of community-based services will not leave them without jobs.

He said there will be "employment opportunities for those who have developed much-needed skills in the care of the mentally disabled."

Lesser plea accepted in slaying case

A 26-year-old New Brighton man who used a car bumper jack to bludgeon to death a Willowbrook Developmental Center resident two years ago was permitted to plead guilty yesterday to a second degree manslaughter charge.

Eugene Allen, charged in an indictment with murdering Raul Cordero, 30, pleaded guilty to the lesser charge before Supreme Court Justice Theodore G. Barlow.

Allen, a former center resident, could receive a prison term of up to 15 years when sentenced Feb. 7. Allen had resided at Willowbrook from 1963 to 1968, but center authorities, describing Allen as a "borderline retardate," said that people like him should never have been admitted.

Cordero's body was found New Year's Day 1976 in a yard near Allen's home at 444 Jersey St. Police said the two had quarreled after drinking for several hours at a party.

Cordero, a Willowbrook resident for 13 years, was to be released in less than a month.