

# Some state jobs may escape ax

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ALBANY — Hundreds of jobs at state developmental and mental hospitals would be saved under a "compromise" budget plan being considered today by legislative leaders and Gov. Mario M. Cuomo.

If enacted, the budget would save the jobs of many of the 71 South Beach Psychiatric Center employees slated to lose their jobs on April 7.

Overall, the Democratic legislative leaders said yesterday that a general agreement had been reached to restore about \$300 million in spending cuts proposed in Cuomo's \$31.52 billion budget.

Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson, R-Binghamton, emerging from a negotiating session late last night, predicted that agreement on a budget could come as early as tonight. The new state fiscal year begins April 1.

The major stumbling block appeared to be how to find the revenue to pay for the restorations.

All sides are talking about cutting about \$125 million from the original Cuomo budget to fund some of the add ons.

Anderson said yesterday that he was willing to accept Cuomo's budget plan to raise \$919 million through higher taxes and fees, but would not accept any new tax plans. He said, however, that there were nine other "ideas" being discussed that could make up the \$175 million to \$200 million needed to pay for budget restorations.

One idea being discussed, Anderson said, was delaying a portion of the scheduled partial pickup of local Medicaid costs until the state's 1984-85 fiscal year.

Aides said the plan would not hurt New York City, the major recipient of Medicaid dollars, be-

cause the city's fiscal year starts three months after the state's. Therefore, they said, the city still would get the full \$240 million in state Medicaid assistance Mayor Edward Koch has asked for in his 1983-84 budget.

But they warned that the plan would add to the state's spring borrowing costs next year and might not be acceptable to state Comptroller Edward V. Regan.

While Cuomo and the leaders have refused to say what cuts they might make in the original Cuomo budget, Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, D-Brooklyn, has made public a list of items he and Senate Minority Leader Manfred Ohrenstein, D-Manhattan, want to see restored to the budget.

They include \$28 million for mental health and \$25 million for mental retardation programs that Cuomo has proposed slash-

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