In a medical emergency, the State Police are just one agency that provide helicopter transport, and they do it at no cost. State Police were notified that in just over a month, they won't have a medical staff to work those flights. The Town of Colonie, who provides the EMS services, says they are ending their agreement, citing liability and financial reasons.

Paula Mahan, Colonie Town Supervisor says, "its not used for patients in Colonie because we're so close to hospitals, its an extra service in a range outside our area."

Mahan says their priority is safety. Safety for the EMS workers in light of other medical helicopter crashes throughout the country, and safety for the people of Colonie, who depend on Town EMS Services.

But it is also about money. State Police doesn't charge for its MEDEVAC flights. With the Town in millions of dollars of debt, they can't afford to give up that staff, or hire new paramedics. The Town says the only option was to get those EMS workers back on the ground, permanently.

The Town will continue to provide EMS services until September 1st.

Today, State Police said they are exploring other options to establish a new service agreement with another EMS provider. The division is hoping to minimize any disruption in providing MEDEVAC services.