

Putnam Finds Money to Pay for Paramedics

CARMEL, N.Y. (AP) -- Putnam County Legislators Monday approved the \$165,000 needed to keep advanced life support paramedics on the road through the end of the year.

Empire Ambulance Company said it was losing money and needed the \$165,000 to finish out the year. Two weeks ago, Putnam lawmakers voted against the funding. But petitions signed by doctors and nurses at the Putnam Hospital Center and comments from other citizens got the lawmakers to reverse their decision.

The paramedics offer advanced life support that volunteer emergency medical technicians can't provide.