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critical patient to the best medical care possible from a remote location.

Now with a permanent base at LaBelle Airport, Aeromed out of Tampa General Hospital, is covering calls in Hendry, Glades and in Charlotte County. They also have a mutual aid agreement with Lee and Collier Counties.

There are 47 established landing zones in Hendry County although several, including Pioneer Shell, Southern Gardens, Airglades and the LaBelle Airport are primary locations.

Dubbed Aeromed 5, the LaBelle Airport station joins four other Aeromed sites: Tampa, Sebring, Wildwood and Bartow.

All the county had to provide was a certificate of need. Patients are billed for the service. In fact, Aeromed rents the doublewide trailer at the airport for its personnel, along with half of the Fixed Base Operation hangar and office space. They also purchase fuel from the county. Altogether, it's a "win-win" situation for the county. They're being here is a good benefit from an economic standpoint in addition to providing a service for the community.

Aeromed provides the inestimable component of time to critical medical emergencies at no cost to the county.

