

# WHAT DO I DO WHEN MY CHILD OUT GROWS HIS/HER BRACES?



Early signs your child is outgrowing their AFO/SMO/UCB's include complaints of pain or red marks appearing where they haven't been seen before. Other signs include toes extending over the front edge of the AFO/SMO/UCB's. If you are not sure, your orthotist can assess if the brace can be adjusted or a new one is required. Once it has been determined that new braces are required, schedule an appointment with your child's MD or DO.

**See insurance requirements.**

*Any questions?*

*Call Ritchie Limb & Brace and we will be happy to assist you!*

## ALL insurances require:

- An in-person visit with an MD or DO (insurance will not accept from a PA or NP, Physical Therapist cannot determine medical necessity, MUST be MD or DO).
- At the time of the doctor visit medical necessity for the new brace must be noted by the physician during this in-person visit. (i.e. patient has this diagnosis, needs braces for this reason, patient has braces and has out grown them, the current braces no longer fit, etc.)
- New RX must be written at this in-person visit.
- Have your child's doctor's office fax the new RX and visit notes to our office.
- Ritchie Limb & Brace will schedule an appointment for a new evaluation.

Following this procedure will speed up the authorization process and insure the approval for your child's bracing. ***Not following this process will cause delays and a higher financial responsibility for the patient.***



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