

## CUTBACKS

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It starts with no more nights out at the movie theatre,  
no new clothes or money for restaurants.

It starts out with regular cutbacks  
that none of us notice all that much.

But  
then it's no money for gas and no money for meat  
and no money for any treats  
or frittering  
except healthcare  
because  
Mom  
won't skimp  
on that.



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